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CIVIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FROM THE CITY OF NORFOLK

The City of Norfolk's 2007 Tax Relief Plan includes:

N O R F O L K



- An 8 cent general tax rate reduction
- Expanded Senior/Disabled Tax Relief
- A Pilot Tax Deferred Program

YOU are eligible for Senior/Disabled tax relief if:

- You are 65 years old or older or totally and permanently disabled.
- You live in the home to be exempted from real estate tax.
- The combined income of the owners and all relatives living in the home does not exceed \$52,000
- Your net worth does not exceed \$350,000 (the value of your house is not included in this calculation).

YOU are eligible for the Deferral Program if:

- The home is owner-occupied and is your primary residence.
- Your combined household income is \$100,000 or less.
- You have lived in the home for at least 5 years.

Call 757-441-1502 to apply. If you have additional questions, go to www.norfolk.gov/revenue.

NORFOLK CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2006

National Night Out is a night for Americans to stand together to promote safety and neighborhood unity.

The purpose of National Night Out is to:

1. Heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention.
2. Generate support for, and participation in, neighborhood and business watch programs.
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
4. Send a message to criminals notifying them that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

We invite you to join us in “*Lighting the Path to a Crime Free Community*”

PLAN A NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

This is a great way to build community pride, celebrate living in your neighborhood, meet your neighbors, and remind neighbors that they are important in making your neighborhood safe! Be sure to include children and older residents in these events.

Any time Saturday July 22 through Sunday, August 12:

A Few Suggestions:

PLAN A NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE –
Some ideas...

- ✓ Invite adults and children of all ages – even those in strollers!
- ✓ Dress up bicycles and their owners and have a bike parade
- ✓ Include pets

HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC OR BARBEQUE – Some more ideas...

- ❖ Invite all the folks in your civic league, including businesses – use a park, school, or large yard, or get a permit (fee waived) and close off a street!
- ❖ Schedule some games that will involve a large group of neighbors of different ages: (Frisbee, Bean Bag, Water balloon tosses, Beach-ball Volleyball, Jump Rope contests; etc.)
- ❖ Invite the police who work in your area and honor them
- ❖ Plan a theme and give prizes for the best costume

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Please register below to let us know what your neighborhood is planning. We will provide technical assistance and help publicize your event.

REGISTER BY E MAIL or MAIL:

GROUP NAME: _____

EVENT LOCATION: _____

DATE / TIME OF ACTIVITY_____

TYPE OF EVENT: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: (w/zip)_____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____ @

TYPE OF SUPPORT REQUESTED:

_____ Officer Attend event

_____ Paper products for 50

_____ Permit for march/street closure

Return Registration to:

Marty Raiss, Pace Outreach

501 Boush St

Norfolk, VA 23510 martha.raiss@norfolk.gov 757-441-2400

SIGN UP FOR NORFOLK ALERT

The Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response offers a free service to Norfolk residents and workers that will send emergency information and alerts via email or phone. Messages under the service, called NorfolkAlert, will be sent to people who register on the City's website. For more information go to www.norfolk.gov and click NorfolkAlert. If you do not have access to a computer, call the Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response to sign up for phone alerts. That number is 441-5600.

CLEAN STREETS FOR SAFE STREETS

What a neighborhood looks like – the condition of the buildings, litter and debris (or lack of it), landscaping, how trash cans are stored – all impact the safety of a neighborhood. The worse the neighborhood's physical condition, the more likely that neighborhood is to be plagued by other types of crime. The "bad guys" just love to prey on a neighborhood where it looks like nobody cares!

With that in mind – it's called the "Broken Windows Theory" – the City of Norfolk has focused on four neighborhoods to initiate a one-day event which we hope will lead to more long-term positive change. Called "Clean Streets for Safe Streets," we are partnering with these neighborhoods to hold a clean-up, spruce up day followed by a picnic and celebration. Numerous City resources have been brought to these neighborhoods, with some pretty dramatic results so far, at least as far as the clean-ups go. A quick recap:

Park Place/Kensington – Held April 29, over 9000 pounds of litter and debris was collected. Additionally, new plant materials were brought by the Division of Parks and Forestry and planted by volunteers. Stop by to see their lovely handiwork! The planning committee did a great job of reaching out to other organizations, including ODU (President Runte herself joined in the digging!); Blair Middle School; the US Army; a number of City employees; and various youth groups. Almost 200 people registered to help with the clean-up, including volunteers from other neighborhoods. Afterwards, everyone feasted on hot dogs and other yummy stuff and enjoyed a line-up of talented performers.

Lindenwood/Cottage Heights/Barraud Park – On May 6, 61 people showed up and collected about 2000 pounds of litter, not including bulk pick-up. Again a great success, with over 100 volunteers and civic league members getting together afterwards to enjoy a beautiful picnic in the park.

Oakdale Farms/Denby Park – On May 13, about 50 volunteers arrived in this neighborhood, resulting in over 1400 pounds of trash collected, again not including bulk pick-up. The organizers of the event were thrilled, as it was the best turnout they had

ever had for this type of activity. They too held a celebratory picnic with lots of young people in attendance.

Huntersville Coalition – The final “Clean Streets for Safe Streets” day will be August 12 in the Old Huntersville/Huntersville area from 9:00 a.m. to 2:p.m. They are planning a really huge day, and would welcome volunteers from throughout the city to assist with their morning clean-up and then stay for the picnic. More information can be obtained by contacting Brittany Bailey at 664-7403.

As successful as these events are, the primary objective is to have them be only a kick-off to a longer-term effort. This effort, guided by staff of Keep Norfolk Beautiful, will work directly with neighborhood volunteers to develop and implement strategies to deter and reduce littering behaviors in these four neighborhoods.

For more information, contract Keep Norfolk Beautiful at 441-1347.

LEARN TO GROW OYSTERS – Nature’s Water Filters

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation Elizabeth river Project and Keep Norfolk Beautiful need “Oyster Gardeners” to grow oysters alongside your dock or marina slip, then return then next year to the foundation to plant on Elixabeth and Lafayette River sanctuary oyster reefs. These oysters create habitat and provide food for underwater species, as well as filter algae which improves water quality. Attend the Oyster Gardener Seminiar, Thursday, August 24 from 6-7 p.m. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, please contact Chesapeake Bay Foundation at 622-1964 or www.dbf.org/virginiaoysters

DIG WITH C.A.R.E. KEEP VIRGINIA SAFE

What outdoor projects have you planed for the summer? Do any of them involve digging or demolishing? If they do, please, take a moment to consider that underground utility lines may be located in your project area. The underground utility lines (pipes, cables, etc.) provide service such as electricity, gas, water, sewer, telephone and cable television to your community. Damaging an underground utility line can result in far-reaching consequences, from serious injury, property and environmental damage to loss of vital services that your and your community depend upon everyday. Additionally, persons responsible for damage to these lines may be further burdened with liability claims, punitive fines and civil penalties.

Fortunately for the citizens of Virginia, a nationally recognized damage prevention program has been at work for more than ten years. Through a partnership between underground utility operators, professional excavators, local governments,

Miss Utility of Virginia, and the State Corporation Commission, a statewide education and outreach program has been designed to encourage safe digging practices. Additionally, educational literature and trained professional are available to answer your questions. You can even arrange for a damage prevention seminar or courtesy visit to your community or home. These services are free.

For more information on Virginia's damage prevention program, contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission, Division of Utility and Railroad Safety at 804-371-9983. And, please, call Miss Utility before you dig – 1-800-552-7001. Allow required time for marking, respect the marks, and excavate carefully.

NORFOLK HOSTS HOME REPAIR VOLUNTEERS

Since 1998, Norfolk has been fortunate to host volunteers from World Changers, a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its focus is to provide missions education and involvement for youth of junior high and high school age. The strategy World Changers uses is home rehabilitation. The World Changers organization creates partnerships with local governments and other agencies to assist those in need of certain types of home repairs. Youth from around the country, along with adult leaders, come to Norfolk for a week, working on homes in crews of ten to fifteen people.

Homeowners must meet the following qualifications:

- You must own your home and live in it.
- Your household income must be less than 150% of the Federal poverty level. In 2005, that ranged from a monthly income of \$1196 for a household of one to \$4049 for a household of eight.
- If your income is above the stated range but there are other factors which impact your income (major medical bills, for instance), you may still qualify.
- Property taxes must be up-to-date.
- Duplexes will be considered if the owner lives in one side. No other multi-unit dwellings will be considered.
- Age is excluded as a factor for consideration.

City Council determines the neighborhoods of focus for each World Changers visit. Neighborhood residents help identify homes for consideration. While other areas may be considered, the current focus neighborhoods are:

Ballentine	Berkley
Coleman Place	Campostella
Estabrook	Fairmount Park
Norview	Sewell's Gardens
Lindenwood/Cottage Heights/Barraud Park	

There are no hard and fast rules as to what sort of repairs can be done by World Changers. For the most part, roof replacements (limited height), handicapped ramps, porch repairs, floor and wall repairs, painting (interior and exterior), some window replacements, and other carpentry work are what they do best. World Changers usually excludes plumbing or electrical work from consideration. Once an applicant has been prescreened for eligibility, the home is evaluated on an individual basis by World Changers for suitability. Not all homes evaluated can be chosen. Accordingly, the homeowner may be referred to other appropriate agencies for additional assistance.

This summer, Norfolk is being billed by the national World Changers organization as a “mega project,” drawing over 900 volunteers to work not only in Norfolk, but in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake as well. Of those 900 youth and adults, 500 will work on 50 homes in Norfolk (materials for the homes receiving assistance in the other cities are paid for by those cities).

A number of similar organizations have heard that Norfolk welcomes such assistance, resulting in an expansion of the help being offered to our citizens through this avenue. This summer, a group called Catholic Heart Work Camp will also aid some of our residents, and in the past, another Southern Baptist group called MissionsConnect has brought volunteers to the city. In all, since 1998, well over 300 individual homes have been the beneficiaries of this assistance.

Applications for these programs are taken all year. Homes are assessed in the spring and chosen by April for that summer. For additional Information, contact Marty Raiss, PACE Outreach Administrator, at 441-2400 or by e-mail at martha.raiss@norfolk.gov.

COOLING ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH AUGUST 15

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Energy Assistance Program will accept applications for cooling assistance from Thursday, June 15, through Tuesday, August 15, at local departments of social services statewide.

Assistance is available to households that include a child or children under age six, a disabled individual, or an adult age 60 and over who meet income and eligibility requirements.

Cooling assistance can be used to assist families and individuals with:

- payment of electric bills to operate cooling equipment
- payment of security deposits for electricity to operate cooling equipment
- repair of a central air conditioning system or heat pump
- purchase of a whole-house fan, including ceiling or attic fans
- the purchase and installation of one window unit air conditioner for households where there is no unit or where the unit must be replaced

The maximum gross monthly income to qualify for cooling assistance is \$1,062 before taxes for a household of one and \$2,167 before taxes for a family of four.

To learn more visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/index.html>. Families and individuals must apply at their local department of social services by August 15.

Norfolk residents, contact the Department of Human Services Cooling Assistance Program at 664-664-7550 or 664-7517.

WATER BILL WOES? NORFOLK'S LIFELINE CAN HELP

The Lifeline Program was initiated by the City of Norfolk in 1999 to help Norfolk citizens avoid disruption in water services. Lifeline offers financial assistance to low-income senior citizens, families and individuals to provide relief from the combined services utility bill. The Norfolk Department of Human Services and the Norfolk Department of Utilities work together to provide Lifeline information and assistance.

Eligible residents may receive:

- **Bill Assistance** - Maximum annual assistance of \$270 in the form of a non-refundable payment to Hampton Roads Utility Billing Service (HRUBS) in your behalf.
- **Plumbing Repairs Assistance** - Maximum annual assistance of \$500 for plumbing repairs to licensed plumbers on behalf of owner occupants.

Lifeline applications are available at the Department of Human Services, HRSD, and at the Department of Utilities, or you may request an application by mail. Completed applications may be returned by mail or in person to the Department of Utilities or any Department of Human Services location.

For eligibility guidelines or to request an application call 664-6035 or 664-6311 or visit www.norfolk.gov/HumanServices/PDFFiles/Lifeline%20Factsheet.pdf.

WORLD WAR II LIVING HISTORY AT MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

Saturday August 26, 2006

For More Information:

Charles Knight, Curator

(757) 441-2965

email: charles.knight@norfolk.gov

Norfolk, VA – World War II reenactors from the 29th Infantry Division will be at the MacArthur Memorial Saturday August 26, 2006. With reenactors representing the various units which comprised the original 29th Division, this event will offer visitors a glimpse at the arms, equipment and uniforms of World War II.

The original 29th Infantry Division was comprised mainly of National Guard units from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Several of the units in the 29th traced their lineage back to units which fought on opposing sides during the Civil War. Because of this, and the fact that the division had members from both North and South, the 29th was nicknamed the “Blue-Gray Division.”

The 29th was first organized for service in World War I and was part of the Allied Expeditionary Force which fought in France. As part of the National Guard, the component units reverted to state control after the war. In early 1941 the 29th was again called into Federal service in response to a widening war in Europe and the Pacific. After the United States entered the conflict in December 1941, preparations were stepped up for war. In the fall of 1942 the 29th was transferred to England where it underwent intensive training preparatory to entering hostilities. On June 6, 1944, elements of the 29th landed on the French beaches at Normandy as part of Operation Overlord, the Allied liberation of Europe, better known as D-Day. After aiding in establishing an Allied foothold in Normandy, the 29th was transferred to Holland where it constituted part of the left flank of the Allied line and later broke through German lines and fought in the Ruhr River Valley in northwest Germany. After the German surrender, the division was assigned occupation duty around Bremen. In early 1946 the 29th was again demobilized and its units returned to state control.

The 29th Division today is still an active National Guard unit, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and is comprised of units from Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The 29th Division Living History Group website is www.29thdivision.com.

NORFOLK WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER NOW OPEN AT WARDS CORNER

The new Norfolk Workforce Development Center opened to the public in early April. The 89,000 square foot facility, formerly Ames Department Store, has been dramatically transformed. The interior is warm and vibrant, featuring a large skylight in the main lobby, stylish and comfortable furnishings, a specially designed childcare center and leading edge technology.

The Workforce Development Center’s mission is to promote employment throughout the City of Norfolk and encourage self-sufficiency among its residents by providing convenient, centralized access to programs and services administered by the Department of Human Services, other city departments and key community partners (See chart next page)

Service or Program	Department/Organization
Intake - Benefits Processing (Medicare, TANF, Lifeline, etc.)	Human Services
Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)	Human Services
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Human Services
Customer Service Center	Human Services
Employment Training for the Mentally Disabled	Eggleston Services
Health and Dental Clinics	Public Health
Childcare Assistance	The Planning Council
Conference and Training Room Reservations	Neighborhood Preservation, Bureau of Community Relations
Referrals for Adult Basic Education and GED's	Virginia Tidewater Consortium
VIEW and Food Stamp Employment and Training-FSET	Empowerment 2010

Conference and training rooms are available for use by community organizations and other City departments. For reservations contact James McCoy at 664-6440.

Norfolk Workforce Development Center
 201 East Little Creek Road (Wards Corner, next to Kroger)
 Norfolk, VA 23510
 (757) 664-6000
www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/workforce.asp

NORFOLK OFFICER ONE OF THREE VIRGINIA 2005 PUBLIC SAFETY MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD WINNERS

Governor Timothy M. Kaine has awarded Norfolk Police Investigator Jemal S. Davis a Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor Winner, the highest honor for heroism conferred upon a public safety officer in Virginia. The program was established in 2002, creating the Commonwealth Medal of Valor and the Meritorious Service Medal.

The Medal of Valor Review Board considered and evaluated 41 nominations of 67 Virginia public safety officers representing 16 Virginia public safety agencies before

making its recommendations for the 2005 awards to Governor Kaine. The Board is composed of a police officer, deputy sheriff, paid firefighter, volunteer firefighter, corrections officer, volunteer rescue squad member and one citizen member. Details of Investigator Davis' award are below:

On June 11, 2004, Investigator Jemal S. Davis assisted a number of his fellow officers in a drug bust operation in which a purchase of drugs was to be made from a known drug trafficker by an undercover investigator at a hotel complex in the Military Circle Mall shopping area. Investigator Davis and his fellow investigator, Windsor Brabson, were assigned to responsibilities of identifying and conducting surveillance of the suspected trafficker, and then assisting with the eventual interdiction of the suspect's would-be sale of crack cocaine to the undercover officer.

While in the area of the trafficker's home, Investigators Davis and Brabson observed a Lincoln Town Car occupied by three males enter the neighborhood of the known trafficker. Shortly thereafter, the Lincoln emerged from the neighborhood occupied by four males. Although unaware of where the fourth male had come from, the officers received a radio alert that the trafficker had telephoned the undercover officer and was en route to the hotel complex for the sale. Concluding that the fourth male was the suspect, the officers immediately proceeded to the hotel complex, and shortly thereafter were in surveillance of the vehicle as it approached the hotel.

Upon arrival at the complex, the Lincoln stopped in front of the hotel, dropped off a passenger, and then drove to a nearby parking place, backing into a space against the curb of the sidewalk. Shortly thereafter, a fellow officer radioed that an arrest in the hotel had been made and that the occupants of the Lincoln should be arrested.

Fellow Officers R. N. Rivera and Gilda Kline were assigned responsibility to move their vehicle into a position in front of the Lincoln, blocking forward movement, as Investigators Davis and Brabson were to drive to a position blocking the rear of the Lincoln. However, a motorist parked next to the Lincoln backed out of the parking space, momentarily delaying Rivera and Kline's interception of the Lincoln. As a result, Investigators Davis and Brabson had assumed their blocking position to the rear of the Lincoln and exited from their vehicle to place the suspects in the Lincoln under arrest before Officers Rivera and Kline were in position.

As Investigators Davis and Brabson approached the suspect's vehicle on foot from the rear, gunfire rang from within the suspect's vehicle. Investigators Davis and Brabson were hit immediately by the suspect's gunfire. Investigator Brabson called out to Investigator Davis that he had been hit, and from behind cover of his vehicle, Investigator Davis began to return fire. Investigator Davis left his cover to assist Officer Brabson, and returned fire as he advanced on the suspect's vehicle. The driver of the suspect's vehicle exited, firing at Investigator Brabson. At this point, Officer Brabson was struck a second time, and incapacitated. Investigator Davis returned fire, struck the driver twice, and the driver went down beside the vehicle. Investigator Davis then advanced to assist in subduing the front seat passenger who had been firing on the other

officers. As he moved around the car, the driver rose up, fired another shot, and struck Investigator Davis a second time in the abdomen. Investigator Davis returned two more shots, striking the suspect and rendering him incapacitated. Notwithstanding his wounds, Investigator Davis was able to secure the third suspect, a rear seat passenger, render aid to his partner, and maintain cover on the downed suspect until assistance arrived.

FREE PARKING SHUTTLE FOR OCEAN VIEW EVENTS

The City of Norfolk announces the launch of a summer-long parking program created to provide convenient parking options for event attendees of Ocean View Beach Park. The City offers this program as a temporary solution for the summer due to the loss of parking at the Pretlow Library site.

The program entails a parking shuttle running every fifteen minutes on an event to event basis. The shuttle will pick up patrons at the Community Beach lot and transport them to the front of Nansemond on the Bay condos located next to the Ocean View Beach Park. The shuttle will start running thirty minutes prior to the start time of the scheduled event and stop running thirty minutes from the conclusion of the event.

The shuttle is scheduled to run for the Sunday Big Bands on the Bay, the TGOV series every Friday in July and August, the Ocean View Beach Festival, the July 4th concert with Tidewater Winds, the Ocean View Crabfest and the Outdoor Art Show. These dates include July 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 28 & 30; August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25 & 27 and September 3.

Ocean View Beach Park is located at the end of Granby Street at 100 W. Ocean View Avenue on the former site of the Ocean View Amusement Park.

CULINARY INSTITUTE OF VIRGINIA OPENS TO SERVE VIRGINIA'S HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES

Norfolk Mayor Fraim and regional business leaders joined ECPI College of Technology to announce the opening of the Culinary Institute of Virginia. The new educational arm of ECPI, a 40-year leader in collegiate educational programs, will open at the former Johnson & Wales location in Norfolk.

The Culinary Institute of Virginia is currently accepting applications for fall classes (www.chefva.com or 757- 858-CHEF). The curriculum is being developed by ECPI with advisors from the New England Culinary Institute, one of the top 25 culinary programs in the country. Culinary Institute of Virginia will offer a new European educational model that combines classroom instruction with hands-on externships in the community. The Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk is providing up to \$30,000 per year in scholarships for 5 years for Norfolk citizens accepted into the program.

“The decision by ECPI to establish the Culinary Institute of Virginia in the City of Norfolk will have a major impact on the tourism and hospitality industry in Hampton Roads as well as the state,” said Mayor Paul Fraim. “The chefs of the future – the men and women who will work in the restaurant and hotel kitchens – will be trained at the institute.”

“We researched several sites across the state for this new location,” says Mark Dreyfus, president of ECPI. “The timing of the culinary school’s departure and the need for this type of workforce training make the Hampton Roads location very appealing. We want to work with area restaurants and hotels to heighten the profile of our regional cuisine and be a vital ingredient to enhance the tourism and hospitality industries. Combining ECPI’s experience in quality educational programming with New England Culinary Institute’s expertise in curriculum development is a win-win situation for everyone involved.”

The new educational model used by Culinary Institute of Virginia is a skills-based program that focuses on work experience as part of the curriculum. Graduates from the 72-week program will earn an associate of applied science degree in culinary science. Externships with area restaurants and hotels are a central tenet of the curriculum, and students are required to participate in community service projects with local hospitals, foodbanks and service organizations. For enrollment information, visit chefva.com.

The New England Culinary Institute was named Best Cooking School by the International Association of Culinary Professionals in 2004. The school was founded in Vermont in 1980 and specializes in a “learn-by-doing” model developed for culinary training.

For more information, visit www.ecpi.edu.

DMV-SELECT AT CITY HALL IS A SUCCESS

Norfolk Commissioner of Revenue, Sharon M. McDonald, says the new DMV Select Program initiated in her office last month has been a successful addition to the list of services provided to Norfolk citizens.

The Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue now offers assistance with title transfers, registrations, name and addresses changes, special & personalized plates, dealer title & registration services, and voter registration.

So far, the Norfolk Commissioner of Revenue has completed nearly 2,000 transactions since the DMV Select Program was initiated in January 2006.

“We are pleased to form this partnership with the DMV, and to provide more streamlined service to Norfolk citizens. We are also pleased that these additional responsibilities will not cost the City of Norfolk additional funding – in fact, The DMV is compensating the city with a portion of the gross receipts.”

Office hours for the Commissioner of the Revenue are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office is located on the first floor of the Norfolk City Hall Building, 810 Union St., Norfolk. The office website is www.norfolk.gov/revenue

For information, contact Sharon M. McDonald, Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue, at 664-7888.

RUFFNER CONCERT BAND IS A WINNER

Norfolk's William H. Ruffner Concert Band took home the top award at the 2006 Concert Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band Festival held recently at Paramount's Kings Dominion in Doswell VA. Under the direction of Cheryl Fears, the band has participated in the Kings Dominion competition for the past five years and has earned a rating of "Superior" each year.

During the competition, Ruffner's sixty-member band competed against ensembles from school districts across the state of Virginia. During their performances, a qualified panel of judges in a true-to-life festival setting critiqued groups representing all grade levels. Three judges placed the Ruffner Concert Band first in all categories of musicianship.

Norfolk Public Schools is committed to the notion that music and other forms of art education enhance intellectual development and enrich the academic environment for students of all ages. The district considers the skills gained through sequential music instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively, as key to our world-class mission.

KNOW THE RULES FOR YARD AND GARAGE SALES

- You are required to get a \$5 permit to have a yard sale, also known as a garage sale. You can get a permit from the Commissioner of the Revenue
- No more than two people who live at different addresses are allowed to have a yard sale at the same location. You must have proper identification
- Nonprofit organizations--including fraternal organizations, civic associations, churches, and schools--are not permitted to conduct yard sales in any residential zone
- You may not have more than two yards sales at the same location in any calendar year
- A yard sale can be held for up to three consecutive days. Yard sales exceeding three consecutive days are prohibited
- Yard sales may not be held before noon on Sundays
- You may not advertise your yard sales on any street, sidewalk, or any other public right of way in the city
- One sign may be displayed at the site where the yard sale is being held

- Your yard sale sign may not be larger than 12 square feet
- Violations of the city code for yard sales may result in a fine issued to you
- If inclement weather rains out your yard sale, call the Commissioner of the Revenue on the very next business day to setup new dates. Note that in order to get new dates, it must have rained on all days that are listed on your original yard sale permit.

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CITY UPDATES

COUNCIL ACTIONS

The following grants were accepted by Council. For more information on City Council action, check www.norfolk.gov. Evening meetings are broadcast on TV48, Norfolk's Neighborhood Network.

- \$224,165 from the **Virginia Department of Emergency Management State Homeland Security Program Grant** and appropriating said funds to purchase equipment and supplies for Homeland Security Defense.
- \$8,964 from the **Office of Justice Programs** for the bulletproof vests program, appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the funds and a local cash match of up to \$8,964 for the program.
- \$838,230 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Pretrial Services and the Local Offender Treatment and Supervision (LOTS) Programs, appropriating the funds, authorizing the expenditure of \$58,000 in local funding for the **LOTS Program** and authorizing the City's employment of 19 persons for the programs and providing funds for their salaries and benefits and for the salaries and benefits of two Sheriff Employees.
- \$8,850 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Criminal Justice Services, for the **Norfolk Juvenile Detention Center**, to purchase equipment and services to monitor youths placed in secure detention.

- \$23,016 from the **Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company** and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the funds for Telecommunications and Technology Services for the Norfolk Public Library.

Council also

- Accepted a donation of \$8,500.00 to the City of Norfolk from the **Norfolk Rotary Club** for the Norfolk Public Library, Early Childhood Learning Environments,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.
- Accepted a \$5,470.00 grant to the City from the **Joshua and Elizabeth Darden Foundation**, appropriating the funds and authorizing their expenditure for the purchase of new furnishings and fixtures for the Pretlow Anchor Branch Library,”
- Authorized the purchase from **SYD & SYD, L.L.C.** of certain property located in the City of Norfolk and commonly known as 620 East Olney Road for the sum of \$1,490,000.00; authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement in substantial conformity with the terms and conditions of the attached purchase and sale agreement; and authorizing the expenditure of, the sum of \$1,495,000 from the land acquisition fund to cover the purchase price and other transaction costs,”
- Disapproved on the application of **CAJE Group, Inc.**, to amend The General Plan of Norfolk, 1992, from Commercial/Office to Mixed Use and for a change of zoning from C-2 (Corridor Commercial) District to Conditional D-3 (Freemason/Granby Conservation and Mixed Use) District on property located at **555 Church Street**
- Approved an Ordinance permitting **Pretty Lakes Associates, LLC**, to encroach onto City of Norfolk property, at 9518 3rd Bay Street, with a storm drain pipe, a headwall, fixed and floating piers, boat slip utilities and mooring piles,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.
- Approved an ordinance ratifying the acceptance of the conveyance of a certain parcel of land located in Lambert’s Point, the site of **Fire Station #7**, to the City of Norfolk by Old Dominion University,”

DRUG COURT

“A national model in providing treatment instead of jail for non-violent drug offenders,” is how the U.S. Drug Control Policy Director John Walters described the Norfolk Drug Court prior to a visit recently. Walters praised the court because it is aimed at long-time

addicts instead of first-time drug offenders. “The example here is that we do have the institutions and teams to save lives, even those repeatedly involved with drugs,” he said.

ENVIRONMENTAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Aging Storm Water Pipes Get Rejuvenation

The Division of Environmental Storm Water Management has completed the rehabilitation of over 1700 feet of storm water pipe during the 2006 fiscal year at a total cost of \$227,409. This work is essential to repair cracks and breaks in the storm water piping system. Tree roots and time take their toll on buried piping of all types. Renewal of the inside surface of the pipes also increases their flow efficiency, thereby reducing the risk of flooding.

The piping is renewed by the installation of a very durable plastic liner. This is accomplished in one of two ways; sliplining or Cast in Place Pipe (CIPP). Both techniques can be applied with the pipe in place, making excavation unnecessary. The sliplining process involves placing a plastic insert into the existing underground pipe. The CIPP process uses direct application of liquid plastic material to the interior surface of the pipe where it then hardens into a solid coating. Prior to installation, contractors conduct a video inspection of the pipe interior in order to decide which method will work best in each case.

The following is a summary of the project locations and cost for this fiscal year.

<u>Project Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Length of Pipe Repaired</u>
Woodlawn Memorial Gardens	\$48,519	350 ft
South Cape Henry	\$52,721	474 ft
Old Ocean View Rd @ Chesapeake Blvd.	\$68,412	330 ft
Fernwood Drive	\$25,484	258 ft
Gabriel Drive	\$19,904	171 ft
Tifton Street	\$12,369	125 ft

More emphasis is being placed on the need for storm water pipe rehabilitation in the city of Norfolk. Spending for these projects is expected to increase in the next fiscal year.

HOMELESSNESS

NORFOLK'S PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

August 24, 2006

On August 24 2006 the City of Norfolk, together with other local, state, federal, and community organizations and volunteers will mobilize at the Norfolk Scope to assist single homeless adults connect to services available in the community. The event known as Norfolk's Project Homeless Connect is part of a 20+ City initiative throughout the nation coordinated by the US Interagency Council on Homelessness known as National Project Homeless Connect.

Homeless individuals frequently face barriers to services including transportation to service providers, difficulty following up with required paperwork, etc. Norfolk's Project Homeless Connect will provide street outreach, transportation, and volunteer client support persons to ensure that on August 24th, all homeless persons in Norfolk willing to receive services have access to and information about available resources in the community.

We anticipate several hundred homeless persons will participate and over two hundred volunteers are needed to ensure the project will be successful. Agencies participating in the event include:

- Department of Rehabilitative Services
- DRS
- Eggleston Services
- EVMS-HIV Resource Center
- Ghent Area Ministry
- KRA Corporation – WDC/NDHS
- Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, Inc.
- Norfolk Community Services Board
- Norfolk Department of Human Services
- Norfolk Department of Public Health
- Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- OppInc. Workforce Development Center
- Second Chances
- Self protection Awareness (SPA)
- The Planning Council
- United Way of South Hampton Roads
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Virginia Employment Commission

...and more!

Information and instructions on how to volunteer are provided below

JOIN US FOR NORFOLK'S PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

August 24, 2006

Norfolk Scope, Exhibit Hall

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (volunteers)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (individuals seeking services)

Reaching out to Norfolk's single homeless adults; connecting to community resources; ending homelessness one step at a time.

Volunteers are needed to participate in an unprecedented one-day outreach and service initiative for single homeless adults in Norfolk. The following are areas where volunteers are asked to participate.

Client Support:

Project Homeless Connect will turn Norfolk's Scope into a one-day, mega service site to help homeless adults, especially those staying on the streets, connect to resources and services. Client Support Services is an important group of volunteers who assist clients to get from one service area to another. Client Support volunteers act as guides, giving directions or escorting clients to the areas where they can get food, services, appointments, whatever they need. Client Support Services needs MANY VOLUNTEERS. You do not have to have any experience in social services or working with the homeless, just a desire to help those in need.

If you are a medical professional and would like to volunteer, we need your help. Please let us know your area of professional background and interest.

To Volunteer: go to http://www.norfolk.gov/Project_Connect_Homeless or e-mail Tonya Gill, United Way of South Hampton Roads at tgill@unitedwayshr.org

Donations:

If you are interested in supporting Project Homeless Connect with a financial or in-kind donation, please contact Katie Kitchin (catherine.kitchin@norfolk.gov) 757-664-4488.

HUMAN SERVICES

Norfolk Human Services Unveils New Web Design

The Norfolk Department of Human Service's web pages on the City of Norfolk's website have undergone a complete redesign. The site now features new graphics, improved content, and easier navigation for residents seeking access to programs and services administered by the Department of Human Services.

The new site is organized more intuitively for the Internet novice with concise explanations of each of the agency's divisions, units and programs. This should considerably decrease the amount of time that citizens spend in search of the correct point of contact, a crucial factor during a time of need.

Visit the Department of Human Services at www.norfolk.gov/HumanServices.

Appearing this Month on Human Services Forum:

Tune to TV48, Norfolk's Neighborhood Network, for *Human Services Forum*, which tackles the topic of children's health and dental care. State-sponsored children's health insurance is available to many low-income working families through the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Program, known as FAMIS.

Johnical Owens, Medical Assistance Program Specialist with the Virginia Department of Social Services, provides details of this comprehensive health care program. Pat Finnerty, Director of Smiles for Children, discusses the benefits of dental coverage included in the overall health insurance package. Dr. Michelle Galloway with the Norfolk Department of Public Health stresses the importance of regular dental checkups for children 12 months and older and describes several conditions that can be readily avoided with proper dental supervision.

In July, *Human Services Forum* is expanding to include an additional half-hour show. If there is a topic you wish to see covered on a future *Human Services Forum*, please contact Jan Callaghan, host and producer, at (757) 664-6020 or at jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov.

Human Services Forum airs daily at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on TV-48, Norfolk's Neighborhood Network or view it online at www.norfolk.gov/tv48.

Relay for Life Success with help from Norfolk Human Services

It should come as no surprise to the dedicated employees at Norfolk Human Services, that the original fundraising goal for Norfolk's first Relay for Life has been shattered.

The American Cancer Society campaign hit its \$75,000 target one month before the scheduled relay event. The current tally for the city's campaign is \$365,719.00! This may be the largest amount raised by a city in its inaugural year. Norfolk Human Services created 13 teams for the event and was responsible for raising \$10,025.76! Thanks go out to those who contributed and continue to donate their time and money to support cancer research and cancer patient support.

POLICE ASSISTED COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT (PACE)

PACE SUPPORT SERVICES, May 19 meeting

Semi-Annual Sector Reports

Third Patrol:

Each sector identified the neighborhoods currently in each Sector as follows:

Blue:

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- Ghent
- West Ghent
- Villa Heights
- Larchmont

- Lamberts Point
- Park Place
- Kensington

Red:

- Coronado/Inglenook
- Wards Corner
- Highland Park
- Colonial Place/Riverview
- Titustown
- Suburban Acres
- Belvedere
- Lochhaven
- Algonquin
- Talbot Park

- Greenhill Farms
- Roland park
- Lakewood
- Riverfront
- Lafayette Shores
- Bollinbrook
- Cromwell Farms
- Meadowbrook
- Riverpoint

Gold:

- Ballentine
- Coleman Place
- Estabrook
- Faimount Park
- Fox Hall
- 5 Points Partnership
- Norview
- Sewells Gardens

- Sherwood Forest
- Norview
Heights/Greenwood Park/Elmhurst
- Norview Heights
- Lafayette Winona
- Visions of Coleman Place

Blue Sector Report:

- Log book maintained with areas of concern for the sector. Items recorded in log book at end of each shift, so there is an ongoing record, with follow up and actions taken .
- Park Place, Villa Heights, and Lambert's Point are currently targeted for intense code violations inspections. Sector is working closely with City Attorney's office to address and rectify violations.
- Park Place is receiving intense investigation to identify drug dealers.

Over the next 6 months, plans are to:

- Address some ongoing issues in the Stockley Gardens area
- Enlist support from the Civic leaders to participate in Sector meetings
- Provide training and education to citizens about what city agency to contact concerning criminal behavior

Red Sector Report:

Goals and activities:

- Reduce drug trafficking (River View targeted)
- Develop partnerships with and provide education for civic leagues
- Reduce crime in Colonial Place, especially near 38th St. A recent success: apartment complex at Colley and 38th will be vacated June 1st.
- Traffic detail around Granby St. resulted in over 250 summons issued. Civic league has seen improvement.

Gold Sector Report:

Goals and activities:

- Targeted area Fairmount Park – overlap car (349) spending a great deal of time there, but moves as needed.
- Lafayette Blvd. properties , both business and residential, have been targeted for intense code enforcement.
- East Norview another targeted area, especially Alexander St. code violation and blight are being strongly addressed, and absentee landlords have been asked to submit trespass letters allowing officers to enter properties.
- Officer of this Sector run the Citizen's Police Academy, a 12-week, 36-hr program for citizens. Over 80 are enrolled in the current course. The next one will be offered in the fall.
- The Truant Detail has been increased lately because of residential burglaries in Estabrook and Fairmount Park.
- The Curfew will be strictly enforced during the summer months.

POLICE

Community Relations: Chief Marquis Issues Reminder

Reprinted from The Vigilant employee newsletter

"The individual character and codes of ethics must be sustained by departmental policies and by the conduct of command personnel. Even when men and women are virtuous, even when they behave with high standards of conscience, they benefit from responsible supervision and instruction designed to help them become better. They deserve superiors and peers who assess their performance with care and make departmental expectations clear."

Edwin J. Delattre, Character and Cops

As we strive to continuously provide the most effective services to our citizens, we must remain cognizant of the need to maintain standards of professionalism at all times. The NPD is a first-class police department and we must keep it so. Our history of top-rate training, emphasizing high ethical standards and excellence in knowledge, skills and abilities to do the job required, has earned us the reputation of role model among our law enforcement peers. In the community we have for years been known as “Norfolk’s finest.” We must not let misconduct or questionable behavior strip us of that status.

For those of you who have been with the department during my tenure, the above quotation should be familiar. I referred to it in this newsletter in July 2004 when my message focused on ethics. Sometimes it is necessary to repeat a point. Sometimes it is necessary to be reminded and to have our collective memory refreshed that our obligation at all times is to conduct ourselves ethically to meet departmental and community expectations.

We must always remember that community support is essential, perhaps presently even more so. We do not work in a vacuum; therefore, an excellent rapport with the community will put us that much more ahead of the game. Community support matters, especially when the department is going through tough times.

I recently attended a meeting with city leadership and a cross-section of clergy. The consensus among the clergy was that there is the perception within the community that members of this department are not as respectful as they could and should be when dealing with citizens; and particularly when it comes to citizens of color. We need the whole of the community’s support. Remember, the whole is greater than the sum of the community’s various parts.

It is imperative that we go beyond doing the day-to-day rigors of responding to, investigating and attempting to preventing crime. I believe in and strongly advocate living and working by the Golden Rule; that is, treating people the way you would want to be treated. To emphasize lessons learned in the recruit academy, when interacting with citizens:

- Respond tactfully to questions or comments
- Be polite and respectful

This is how we build community support. Police conduct, especially now when citizens are expressing suspicions and doubts, must be above reproach.

I know that this is a very professional police department, and that the criticism received applies to a very small percentage of employees. But, we must always do what we can to dispel the roots of criticism. If we believe, as I believe, that we are the best police department in the region, we must always demonstrate and confirm that we are.

NEWS FROM THE NPD BUREAUS

Harbor Patrol Unit

The Harbor Patrol Unit provided security for several cruise ships and the HMS Halifax from Canada. The unit also provided security zones during the Azalea Festival ceremonies and for the Harborfest celebration.

Members of the Dive Team executed an operation in the body of water around Mill Creek and recovered a handgun that was used in a murder in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. They also assisted the U.S. Coast Guard on a multi-agency strike force operation at Norfolk International Terminals by conducting container inspections.

Members received Side Scan Sonar training conducted by NOAA and conducted several dive training evolutions in and around the waters of Norfolk.

Bomb Squad

Bomb Squad members attended the Emergency Responder Hazmat training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. The Squad has additional training scheduled in Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Command, Advanced Hazmat, and explosives identification and handling. Members are awaiting final certification training at the Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama which is the training center for all FBI accredited bomb technicians.

1st Patrol Division

The First Patrol Division, along with the Second and Third Patrol divisions, has instituted a new operational plan which authorizes operations officers to handle many of the administrative tasks generally assigned to uniformed officers such as taking selected incident reports, traffic direction and other non-law enforcement functions. This initiative will help to maximize personnel resources and enable sworn officers to be even more efficient in their response to criminal issues.

In another new initiative, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Norfolk Police Department and Norfolk State University is being developed which will expand the geographical area of concurrent jurisdiction and continue collaborative efforts.

The First Patrol Division initiated several community outreach programs during this quarter. On May 11, a Youth Citizens' Academy began at the Berkley Boys and Girls Club. This course, modeled after the Citizens' Academy, consists

of six classes. Approximately 30 students are attending and learning about Norfolk Police Department operations.

In recent months, the downtown area hosted the Doo Dah Parade, Azalea Festival Parade, and other festivities. NPD Segways, bike and traditional foot patrols were visible on these occasions and can be seen daily in the downtown area.

2nd Patrol Division

Second Patrol Division personnel continue to address criminal activity and environmental concerns to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses within the patrol boundaries. Criminal and environmental sweeps were conducted in the Denby Park/Oakdale Farms, Lincoln Park, and Ocean View areas, resulting in several arrests, confiscation of narcotics, and issuance of several notices of violations. Members participated in the “Clean Streets for Safe Streets” operation for the same area.

Personnel conducted a warrant sweep with assistance from Probation and Parole, resulting in the arrest of several persons. Additionally, the division has reinstituted a Truant Car detail to address daytime burglaries and larcenies. More attention is also being directed toward curfew violations to address larcenies and vandalisms.

3rd Patrol Division

The Third Patrol Division assisted in a number of coordinated community events during this quarter. One highlight was the Park Place and Kensington Civic League “Clean Streets for Safe Streets” community clean-up on April 29.

Community Resource Officers concentrated patrol efforts within hot spot locations, coordinating and conducting bike enforcement sweeps and focused community policing.

Community policing offers a way for law enforcement to help re-energize communities. Developing strong, self-sufficient communities is an essential step in creating an atmosphere in which serious crime will not flourish. Personnel continue to work closely with civic leagues and have addressed numerous quality-of-life issues in an effort to create cleaner neighborhoods which are less conducive to criminal activity.

Traffic Unit

Since the beginning of April, the Traffic Unit has assisted with several major events including the Azalea Parade, Azalea Festival, Ocean View 10K Run, Little League Challenger Jamboree, and the Afr‘Am Parade and festival.

Officers from the Traffic Unit also engaged in high profile dignitary escorts for President Bush as well as a high ranking official from the United Kingdom House of Commons. Other items of notable interest include the motor escort for the Police Unity Tour, the Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade, and the funerals for fallen officers in Chesterfield, Fairfax, and that of our own Officer Seneca Darden.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit, in a continuing effort to implement the long-term plan to maximize resources available to respond to issues of Homeland Security, has completed the training and certification of two additional explosive detection dogs. These two officers and their partners give the Norfolk Police Department four dogs that are currently cross trained in patrol and explosive detection. In addition to this training, the K-9 Unit has also continued the training of four patrol dogs and their handlers so that a complete complement of 19 dogs will be available for street patrol and Crowd Management Team responsibilities.

Detective Division

During the first half of 2006 there has been a significant decrease in the number of homicides in the City of Norfolk. At the time of this report we have 12 reported homicides compared with 28 in 2005. The homicide section has taken advantage of this decrease to work on prior unsolved offenses and to date have solved five homicides from previous years. Robberies and residential burglaries have increased, but cooperative efforts between the three patrol divisions and the Detective Division have resulted in numerous arrests and case clearances.

The Gang Section, now fully complemented, is working closely with the Commonwealth Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhood Section, the Homicide and Robbery sections, and the patrol divisions to help curb gang related crime throughout the city. A new Field Interview Card has been distributed throughout the department to increase the information/intelligence flow between disparate functionaries of the department and the Gang Section.

The Sexual Assault Section has been actively working on the identification and prosecution of on-line predators who use the internet to facilitate the sexual exploitation of juveniles. Numerous arrests have been made; this initiative will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Property Crimes Unit has been proactive in reducing the illegal sale of scrap metal and other criminal violations at auto shops through strict enforcement and regular inspections.

Detective Division supervisors are now regularly attending civic league meetings, explaining Detective Division processes and operations.

Vice and Narcotics Division

The Vice & Narcotics Division was restructured during this quarter as a part of the efforts being made to improve the department's response to our changing times. With the creation of the new Division of Homeland Security, the Special Operations Team, Harbor Patrol Unit, and Bomb Squad were moved under a new command. The division now consists of the Major Case/Criminal Intelligence Unit, Narcotics Unit, and the Street Response Unit. In spite of the realignment, the Vice and Narcotics Division continues to work closely with the Special Operations Team on training issues and in division operations.

Training Academy

Concurrent classes continue at the Training Academy. The last week of June marks the 20th week for Basic Recruit Academy Class 76, with graduation set for July 20th. Basic Recruit Academy Class 77 enters its sixth week during the last week of June; graduation is scheduled for October 19th.

Norfolk Animal Management Center

Hurricane season officially began June 1st. The information on disaster planning is abundant, but how many of us have taken steps to prepare? Do you have a disaster plan for your animals?

The following are some basic steps to ensure your pet's general safety:

BEFORE THE DISASTER

- Keep a collar with identification on your pet at all times. A microchip is a permanent and necessary precaution should the collar and ID tags come off your pet. The Norfolk Animal Management Center offers a microchip with registration for \$20.00. Please call 664-PETS to schedule an appointment.
- Make sure your pet is current on vaccinations and that you have proof of vaccination readily available. Shelters, boarding kennels and other facilities require this proof prior to allowing a pet access.
- Have a current photograph of your pet.
- Have a properly sized carrier for each pet – carriers are required to be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.
- Plan ahead for evacuation or boarding refuge for your pet.

DURING THE DISASTER

- Whether you evacuate with or shelter your pet, your pet will need to have an identification collar, rabies tag, carrier, leash, food, water, bowls; necessary medications, newspapers, paper towels and trash bags for clean up, specific care instructions and a recent photo.
- Pets should be indoors well in advance of a pending storm.

AFTER THE DISASTER

- Walk your pet on a leash – familiar scents and landmarks will be gone and can cause your pet to become disoriented. Also, downed power lines, wildlife and disease brought in with the high water can pose a physical or medical threat.
- Monitor your pet's behavior – after a traumatic experience, animals can become aggressive or defensive.

The following are important links for additional preparation: Petswelcome.com

Or <http://www.fema.gov/library/aprep.shtm>

HUNTERSVILLE

Huntersville Street Improvements Underway... Construction along Fremont Street is now underway as part of a joint effort by the Department of Public Works and Department of Utilities to improve streets in Huntersville. Currently, the Department of Utilities is replacing approximately 500 feet of six-(6) inch waterline and 500 feet of eight-(8) inch gravity sewer line. When this work is completed, Public Works will reconstruct the roadway along Fremont Street from Church Street to O'Keefe Street as well as part of Amelia Street from Fremont Street. Public Works will also replace sidewalk, curb, and gutter. The project is expected to be completed in early fall of this year.

LIBRARIES

City's Library System Receives Three Awards from State Association... On Thursday, Councilmember Riddick, presented the City's Library system with three awards for excellence for systems over 100,000 in population from the Virginia Public Libraries Directors' Association.

The Horace C. Downing Branch Library was the recipient of the *2006 Outstanding Facility Serving a Population over 100,000* and was acknowledged for its transformation from a small version of the main library to a "convenience library," focusing on the needs of area residents. The award acknowledged the Library's effort to add new and dynamic materials, as well as updating and doubling the size of the DVD

catalog. expand its “Teen Zone”; and double the number of computers available for public use.

The *2006 Award for Outstanding Young Adult Program Serving a Population over 100,000* recognized the Library system’s effort to increase teenage attendance at branches and recognition of NPL’s After School Initiative. The Virginia Public Directors’ Association also honored NPL with the Outstanding Staff Development Award for its *Fall Institute 2005 - The Early Years are Forever - The Importance of Early Childhood Education*. The Fall Institute was developed to offer all library staff training on a wide variety of issues: on-line databases, policy writing, children’s literature, early literacy, and more.

NAUTICUS

Make Waves as a Nauticus Volunteer!

Volunteering at Nauticus offers a variety of experiences and provides the opportunity to learn many new skills. Whether you’re showing a child how to touch a sea star, teaching a group of students about electricity, or helping guests find the perfect souvenir, you will be an invaluable part of the Nauticus crew! Positions are available in Administration, Special Events, Education, Visitor Services, Cruise Support, and the Gift Shop. Contact Melissa Swanson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 664-1043 for more information.

Nauticus Volunteers Receive Prestigious Presidential Award

Nauticus volunteers Aimee and Rachel Dunn recently received The President’s Volunteer Service Award for their consistent service and dedication to Nauticus for their work in The Banana Pier Gift Shop. By acquiring more than 4,000 service hours apiece, both won the highest level award attainable – the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Rachel and Aimee started volunteering together as a family in 2003 with their mother, helping with everything from tagging merchandise to welcoming customers with a smile. “The Dunns are a delight to work with and are known by the entire Nauticus family,” said Elizabeth Joseph, gift shop manager. “They’re always willing to lend a helping hand and assist wherever they’re needed.”

During their tenure at Nauticus, the girls, who are lifetime members of Nauticus, have received a “Volunteer of the Quarter Award” and a “2004 Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Award for Family Volunteers.”

The President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President’s Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their

demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. This type of recognition is also designed to set a standard for every American – to encourage a sustained commitment to helping others and a lifelong habit of service. The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to recognize the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period. To learn more about The Presidential Service Awards, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov. For more information about becoming a volunteer, please call (757) 664-1000.

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Adopt-a-Spot Groups Help Keep Norfolk Beautiful!

The Norfolk Environmental Commission would like to thank those groups that participate in the Adopt-A-Spot/Street program for their continued efforts to ***Keep Norfolk Beautiful***. The cleanliness and beautification of our city is everyone's responsibility. Since July, 2005, the Adopt-A-Spot groups have collected over **11,000 pounds** of trash from areas throughout the city! It is efforts like this that help ***Keep Norfolk Beautiful***.

If there has been a change with your group (leadership, contact information, etc.) or if you are no longer interested in maintaining your site, please let us know so we can update our information and accommodate new groups. If you need to report a clean-up, need supplies, have a question or need any support from our office, please contact the Adopt Coordinator, Nicole Dutil (441-1347, nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov).

REMINDER: Report Forms need to be filled out and returned to us after each cleaning. Remember, all groups need to complete at least 4 clean-ups per year. You can mail or fax the form to our office, or you can email the information to nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov.

See a site or street that could use some TLC? Contact Nicole Dutil (441-1347, nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov) and help ***Keep Norfolk Beautiful***!

Norfolk Civic Leagues E.A.R.N.N. over \$7,000!

In the last 12 months, EARNN (*Environmental Awards for Recycling in Norfolk's Neighborhoods*), civic leagues in Norfolk have been awarded more than \$7,000 for increasing household recycling participation in their neighborhoods. Awards are given to civic leagues that are able to increase the level of recycling



participation and also to those that maintain a level of recycling above 50%. Awards are presented annually at KNB's Clean City Picnic in June. Not yet an EARNN member? Contact Keep Norfolk Beautiful's coordinator, Nicole Dutil (441-1347, nicole.dutil@norfolk.gov) to find out how easy it is!

POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR NORFOLK

Based on a preliminary analysis of building permit data, the Administration believes the City's population has remained *stable* since the 2000 decennial census reported Norfolk's population to be 234,403. The Weldon Cooper Center Annual Population Estimates Program reinforces this analysis (see the table below).

Norfolk Population Estimates

Year	Census Bureau	Weldon Cooper Center
2000*	234,403	234,403
2001	233,382	234,000
2002	238,269	233,600
2003	237,653	233,900
2004	237,347	235,200
2005	231,954	235,500

**Based on the decennial census*

One important factor to take into account is that the decennial census is an *actual head count* which all other annual *estimates* use as a starting point. These estimates rely on models with varying degrees of accuracy, not actual head counting. There are several sources for population data that are available to the City of Norfolk:

- **the decennial census**, conducted every ten years by the Census Bureau;
- **the annual population estimates program**, also conducted by the Census Bureau; and
- **the Weldon Cooper Annual Population Estimates Program** conducted at the University of Virginia.

The Decennial Census: The Census Bureau's decennial census is an actual head count of each person living in a housing unit or group quarter. The most recent decennial census was conducted in 2000, and resulted in a population count of 234,403 for Norfolk. Norfolk's elected officials and staff played an active role in the conduct of the decennial census with participation at many levels, including promotional activities and statistical review of the data.

The Annual Population Estimates Program: The Census Bureau's annual estimate program provides a population estimate for each locality across the country. This estimate is derived from a statistical model which takes into account:

- birth rates,
- death rates,
- federal tax returns,
- Medicare enrollees,
- group quarters population (a combination of military personnel living in barracks, college students living in dorms, and persons residing in institutions such as correctional facilities and nursing homes)
- other statistical inputs which capture data such as net domestic migration and net military movement to and from overseas.

As noted above, the 2000 decennial census reported 234,403 for Norfolk. The 2005 Annual Population Estimate of 231,954 for the City of Norfolk is significantly lower than their previous estimate of 237,347 for the City. This is the 5,393 person decline reported in the media. Unlike the decennial census process where there is a great deal of local input on the front-end of the process, ***the Annual Population Estimates Program does not provide for local participation or review of the data before release. However, a challenge process is available to local governments once the estimates have been released.*** This challenge process uses a different population model based on building permits provided by the locality. Based on a preliminary analysis, the Administration recommends the City challenge this estimate.

This challenge process is an opportunity provided by the Census Bureau for localities to provide input into the estimate process after the initial data release. The Administration believes local data supports a more stable population trend than what the Annual Population Estimate provides.

We believe the reported decline may not be accurate. One possible explanation for the reported decline in population is related to fluctuations in group quarters populations, particularly Armed Forces personnel. The Administration is not sure that this is indeed the case. Another factor that may explain the reported decline is the timing of redevelopment activities in Broad Creek and East Ocean View. While the demolition of certain units is reported, it is not clear that the relocation of individuals from these units is accurately reported. In each case, these estimates may not accurately reflect Norfolk's population.

The Weldon Cooper Annual Population Estimates Program: The third population estimate, provided by the Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia, estimates

Norfolk's 2005 population to be 235,500. Their estimate is based on a ratio-correlation model which includes:

- state tax return exemptions,
- births,
- school enrollments,
- licensed drivers,
- building permits, and
- some group quarters.

Since 2000, Weldon Cooper generally has held the military group quarters population constant, since reliable military numbers are difficult to obtain. It is important to note, the Weldon Cooper Center provides local governments an opportunity to review the data inputs and to provide any corrections or additions to the inputs before the population estimate is released.

The Census Bureau has developed another population data source, the American Community Survey, which is currently being phased in. The first data for Norfolk from this survey will be available this August. The American Community Survey is a nationwide household survey which contains questions asked on the long form of the decennial census, including questions about income and housing characteristics. Data will be based on a sample size of about 1 in every 40 households per year. This survey is scheduled to replace the long form in the decennial census, beginning in 2010.

In summary, the Administration believes Norfolk's population is stable. A preliminary review of Norfolk's building permits records, including new housing units constructed and demolished since 2000, indicates that Norfolk's population should be slightly increasing, not decreasing. A review of group quarters, including dorms, jail population, and military population, also indicates that Norfolk's population should be increasing. The Weldon Cooper-derived population estimate most closely reflects Norfolk's true population change, and also provides opportunity for local review of the data inputs before the population estimates are released to the public. Norfolk should continue to use the Weldon Cooper Center estimates for population-based decision making, and at the same time should pursue the challenge opportunity provided by the Census Bureau to revisit their population estimate.

PUBLIC WORKS

Department of Public Works 2006 Ebenezer Stevens Award... More than 400 Public Works employees were joined on Tuesday, June 6th by Mayor Fraim and Vice-Mayor Hester acknowledging the accomplishments of all Public Works' employees throughout the year. The highlight of the program was the announcement that Mr.

Archie Edwards, Senior Refuse Collector was this year's recipient of the "Outstanding Public Works Employee Award". Edwards, who is a 29-year veteran in the Division of Waste Management, in accepting this year's award, said, "he strives to be the best at what he does." His motto is to take one day at a time. The Ebenezer Stevens Award is presented annually in honor of Norfolk's first Director of Public Works, Ebenezer Stevens, who served in the 1700's.

Haven Creek Multi-Use Path –City Council has appropriated funding in the FY '07 CIP budget to begin design on the rehabilitation of the multi-use path along the west bank of Haven Creek from New York Avenue to New Hampshire Avenue. Design will include restoration of existing path segments, new elevated timber sections, and required wetland mitigation.

Skateboard Park- City Council has approved funds to construct a skateboard park to serve the City's skateboarding community. The City will invite its youth and other enthusiasts to be involved in the design process. The design is scheduled to begin in FY '07.

Signal Retiming Projects- The Division of Transportation has re-timed the traffic signals on Little Creek Road between Divan Street and Old Ocean View Avenue. This included 15 intersections. Also, staff has re-timed the traffic signals on 26th Street and 27th Street between Church Street and Colley Avenue. This project included 8 intersections.

The new signals along Little Creek Road and on 26th and 27th Streets are expected to save motorists about \$111,000 and \$50,000 respectively per year in fuel consumption and lost time.

City Rolling Out Tax Relief Plan... This is a follow-up on the City's outreach efforts for the Tax Relief Plan approved in the FY 2007 Budget. The plan, as you are aware, provides the following:

- An eight-cent general tax rate reduction (reducing the tax rate from \$1.35 per \$100 dollars of assessed value to \$1.27 per \$100 of assessed value),
- An Expanded Senior/Disabled Tax Relief Program, and
- A Pilot Tax Deferral Program

Special emphasis has been placed on ensuring that Norfolk residents are informed about the specific components of the senior relief as well as the new tax deferral components

of the program. Throughout this process, the Administration is attempting to achieve the following goals:

- Explain the real estate assessment process
- Express Council's concern for the residents and the tax burden
- Communicate the approved tax relief programs
- Create one-on-one opportunities for residents to apply for relief

The plan includes installation of a telephone hotline (441-1502), mailings to civic league presidents and senior groups and service providers, special TV48 programming, free DVDs about the tax relief program and opening information and counseling centers, direct mail to churches, mosques, synagogues and temples for distribution of fact sheets explaining the tax relief programs to congregations, Utility bill insert explaining the tax relief programs with telephone hotline information, distribute marketing materials at various community events and at private recreation facilities and post fact sheets at key locations such as grocery stores.

The Administration is implementing an aggressive awareness program to ensure that the City's residents take full advantage of all of the relief programs approved in the FY 2007 Budget. The Administration will pay particular attention to the Pilot Tax Deferral Program. Due to the uniqueness of this program, it is important that staff provide residents with the benefits of the program.

Additionally, the Administration is developing tax relief proposals for Council's review. These will be brought forward to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in July, and then between July and September, we need to work with the task force that the Chamber of Commerce is forming and other interested stakeholders.

We should be prepared to submit at least the conceptual legislative package to the General Assembly no later than the second week in September so there is adequate time to garner support for our proposal for the 2007 General Assembly Session. As a part of that, working with other localities in the region will be important. We have had some staff-to-staff discussions with some cities in the region.

Crosswalk Project in Wards Corner... The Department of Public Works is installing decorative colored crosswalks at all approaches of the Little Creek Road and Granby Street intersection. A new technique called "friction pave" is being employed to create these decorative features. Weather permitting, all work, including the updating of all traffic signs and pavement markings in the vicinity of the intersection is scheduled for completion by the end of July.

Please note that the City, in the past, has installed brick-like decorative crosswalks of different types at locations throughout the city. The appearance of these crosswalk features is attractive; however, staff has determined that these treatments do not hold up well to heavy traffic, particularly on arterial streets. Additionally, the historic cost to repair and replace these crosswalks has been significant. Staff is now evaluating the performance of all types of decorative crosswalks throughout the City to determine the most cost effective product for future use on City streets.

Enhancements Underway for Neighborhood Water and Sewer Services... Major, multi-phased water and sewer replacement projects by the Department of Utilities are in progress in the Glencove/Lochhaven and Talbot Park neighborhoods. Construction to replace sewers in the eastern portion of the Glencove/Lochhaven neighborhood is nearing completion with replacement of sewers in the western portion of the neighborhood now underway and scheduled for final completion this winter. The total project cost to replace the sewers in this area is \$4.1 million. It should be noted that the neighborhood's water system was replaced in the 1980s.

The Talbot Park project includes replacement of water and sewer systems and will be completed in three phases:

- Phase One requires the replacement of water and sewer infrastructure on Carlisle Way;
- Phase Two will replace the water and sewer infrastructure on Talbot Hall Road; and
- Phase Three will replace the water and sewer infrastructure on Oak Grove Avenue, Sinclair Street and portions of Newport Avenue.

Replacement of water and sewer systems on Carlisle Way began in May 2006 and is approximately 20% complete. Construction on Talbot Hall Road (Phase 2) is scheduled to begin in fall of 2006. Engineering design for Phase Three is 95% complete and construction will begin in summer 2007. The replacement of the 80-year-old sanitary sewer and water systems in Talbot Park will enhance water and wastewater services for this area of the City for many years to come. The total project cost for the Talbot Park neighborhood water and sewer replacement is approximately \$3.6 million.

Legislature's Inaction Forces Cuts by Commonwealth Transportation Board...

The greatly reduced State Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) will have numerous negative impacts since available FY 2007 Urban Program funding in Norfolk will shrink to less than \$4.5M. The amount represents a greater than two-thirds reduction from the levels of just three years ago. Accordingly, the completion of the long planned widening of the Military Highway corridor through the Lansdale intersection to Robin

Hood Road will now be delayed indefinitely, with no re - forecast date. Schedules for other projects will be similarly impacted. At this time, no work on planned or future improvements is contemplated given the overall funding situation.

Waste Management Superintendent Receives National Certification... Mr. Walter Coley, Public Works' Division of Waste Management Superintendent has completed the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) certification program. This non-profit, educational organization provides workshops, training programs, technical assistance, and certifications for individuals and communities responsible for the management and operation of municipal solid waste management systems.

Mr. Coley, who came to the City in 2005 after serving 8 years as an Officer in the U.S. Navy, is now nationally recognized as a certified manager in municipal solid waste collection systems. The 30 hour course, which includes a 3 hour exam, has assisted Walter in enhancing his skill set and knowledge as it pertains to collecting City waste. Kudos to Walter on this career milestone!

SCOPE

Rigging Project to help attract top shows. Exterior work at SCOPE is adding a new rigging grid to the interior of the arena. A rigging grid is basically a web of steel hanging points that touring shows can suspend their sound and lighting systems from when they come to a venue to perform. Previously the facility relied upon a series of "Hanging Points" with cables that are tedious to work with and expensive for shows to use. This investment will make it easier for shows to rig their shows in SCOPE and allow the City to attract larger name "star" performances to the facility.

The fencing seen on the dome is safety cabling for workers to navigate the surface. What is taking place on the exterior of the dome now is the core drilling through the roof that will allow large bolts to be pushed through and then attached to cables that the new grid will hang from. About 366 holes will be drilled into the SCOPE's dome for these bolts to be inserted into with large plates holding the bolts in place that you will see on the dome as the work is finished. Once the holes are drilled and the grid suspended, new roofing materials will be applied to the dome's exterior to cover the plates and give the venue a fresh look.

Finally, an acoustical spray will be applied to the dome's interior to further inhibit sound reverberation for all arena events. All work is scheduled for completion by the end of September.

SHERIFF

Norfolk Sheriff Protects Children with OffenderWatch

Last year in Norfolk, a nine year old girl's sleep over turned into a nightmare. She was spending the night at her friend's house in the Highland Park neighborhood, near Old Dominion University when she woke up to find a man in the room with her. The man told her he had a knife and threatened to kill her if she made a sound. Then he raped her and sodomized her, before running away. The suspect in that case is 48-year-old Donnie Ray Tucker, a registered sex offender.

"That case is just one of far too many examples of children falling prey to sexual predators," said **Norfolk Sheriff Robert McCabe**.

Now, Sheriff McCabe has launched OffenderWatch to help keep Norfolk citizens better informed as to the whereabouts of registered sex offenders. The Norfolk Sheriff's Office is the **first law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia** to offer this technology, and **it's free**.

"We have made this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Sheriff McCabe. "We want to do everything we can to protect children from sexual predators."

Using the internet and the postal service, McCabe said the new community notification system will make it easy for the public to access information on registered sex offenders, such as their names, physical description and photographs, as well as a map to show the approximate location of the offender's residence. Citizens, educators, day care operators, bus drivers and more can enter their address and find out all of the predators and sex offenders within 1 mile.

The OffenderWatch system will also monitor an address **automatically** and then Sheriff McCabe will send out an email, as well as a postcard, with all of the information available. Citizens may enter as many physical addresses to be monitored as they wish (such as their school, home, day care, work place, gym, etc).

"I think this will benefit our citizens greatly," McCabe said. "It's all about keeping parents informed and keeping our children safe. I am pleased to provide this service."

For more information, log onto <http://www.norfolksheriffsoffice.com/> and select the "Search Sex Offender Registry" option.

UTILITIES

Norfolk Utilities' projects gaining national attention

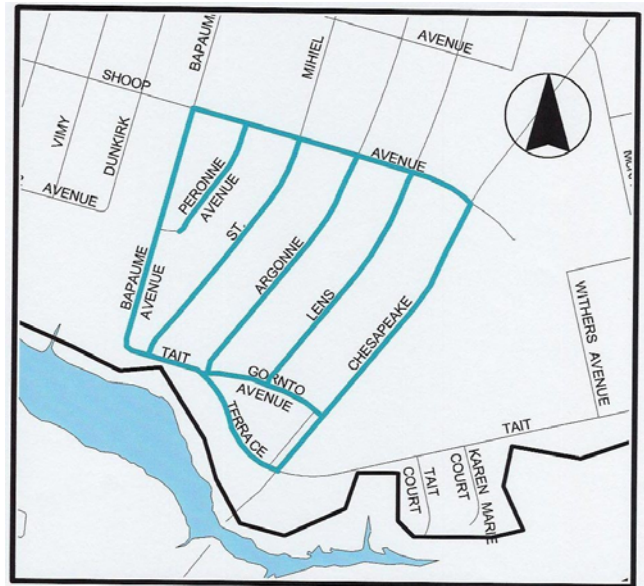
Ken Turner, Utilities Engineering Manager, made a presentation before the American Waterworks Association on the recently completed condition assessment of the 86-year-old raw water main that carries lake water from the Western Branch Reservoir in Suffolk to the water treatment plant in Norfolk. Turner's work, in conjunction with the engineering firm Baker, is gaining national attention for its involved analysis. This analysis includes: ultra-sonic pipe thickness testing and a scientific analysis of the pipe's concrete to determine maximum allowable pressure. The project is also noteworthy because of the length of Norfolk's raw water main, which

crosses several cities' jurisdictions and presents right-of-way challenges. The assessment that Ken led is part of Utilities planned \$25 million in raw water main improvements that is scheduled for completion over the next five years. Turner's paper has also been accepted for presentation later this year at a conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Turner also presented a paper on dam safety to the Association of State Dam Safety Officials in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He told how Norfolk's Department of Utilities is meeting requirements from new legislation to upgrade dams in Burnt Mills and Western Branch for greater storm protection.

CIP Update - Fairmount Park, Phase 4

Construction of the Fairmount Park Phase 4 Water and Sewer Upgrade began in January 2006, and about 15% of the job is complete. This neighborhood improvement project includes the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer system, water mains, and the installation of new storm drain pipes in the area indicated on the map.

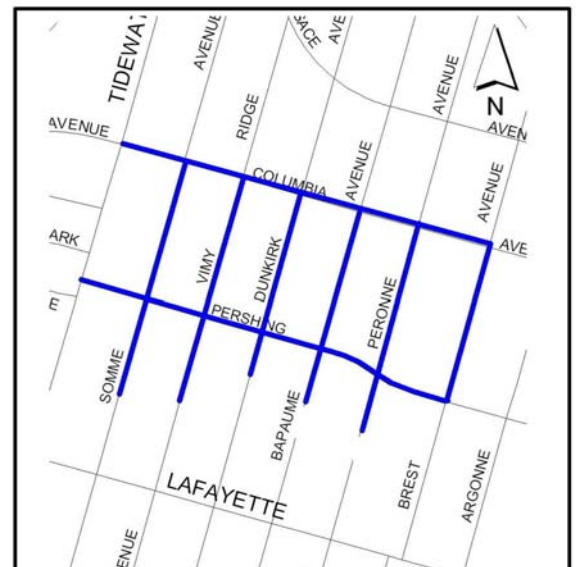
The deep sanitary sewer mains along Chesapeake Boulevard between Tait Terrace and Shoop Avenue have already been installed. The installation of the sanitary sewer main along Shoop Avenue between Chesapeake Boulevard and Bapaume Avenue is currently under construction.



Estimated at \$7.8 million, the upgrades will improve water utility services to 200 residences in the area.

CIP Update - Fairmount Park, Phase 5

Engineering design for Fairmount Park Phase 5 Water and Sanitary Sewer replacement is complete and construction bids are being received. This neighborhood improvement project includes the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer system, water mains, and the installation of new storm drain pipes in the area indicated on the map.



Upon completion, the project will improve water utility services to about 100 residences.

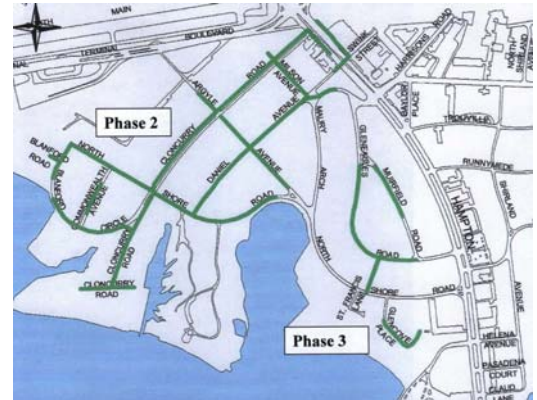
Construction of the project is expected to begin in the fall of 2006.

CIP Update: Glencove/Lochaven

Construction of the sanitary sewer upgrade for the *Glencove/Lochhaven* area is progressing with Phase 3 more than 85% complete and Phase 2 about 15% complete. The work consists of installing new sanitary sewer mains where necessary or relining the existing pipe in the areas shown in the map at left.

The upgrade of the sanitary sewer piping in the neighborhood will make the number of service requests decline sharply and improve services to a total of 181 residences.

The project is expected to be complete next winter and will cost an estimated \$4.6 million.♦



Water Bill Woes? LIFELINE Can Help

Norfolk - Lifeline was initiated by the City of Norfolk in 1999 to help Norfolk citizens avoid disruption in water services. Lifeline offers financial assistance to low-income senior citizens, families and individuals to provide relief from the combined services utility bill. The Norfolk Department of Human Services and the Norfolk Department of Utilities work together to provide Lifeline information and assistance.

Eligible residents may receive:

- **Bill Assistance** - Maximum annual assistance of \$270 in the form of a non-refundable payment to Hampton Roads Utility Billing Service (HRUBS) in your behalf.
- **Plumbing Repairs Assistance** - Maximum annual assistance of \$500 for plumbing repairs to licensed plumbers on behalf of owner occupants.

Lifeline applications are available at the Department of Human Services, HRSD, and at the Department of Utilities, or you may request an application by mail. Completed applications may be returned by mail or in person to the Department of Utilities or any Department of Human Services location.

For eligibility guidelines or to request an application call 664-6035 or 664-6311 or visit www.norfolk.gov/HumanServices/PDFFiles/Lifeline%20Factsheet.pdf.

TV 48 NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

HEALTHWATCH with Terrance Afer-Anderson

YES, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. AND ON THIS EDITION OF HEALTHWATCH WE WELCOME BACK MR. NORMAN GREFE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SUPERVISOR OF THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. NORM IS GOING TO PROVIDE US AGAIN WITH SOME VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION ON WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE STING OF THE DREADED MOSQUITO. WELCOME BACK, NORM!

OK, NORM, LAST YEAR WE BEGAN BY TALKING ABOUT WHAT OUR VIEWERS CAN DO TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDINGS GROUNDS AND TO PERSONALLY PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM MOSQUITO BITES. LET'S BEGIN THIS YEAR WITH TALKING ABOUT WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO DO SO. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE DISEASES THAT A MOSQUITO CAN CARRY.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO ME, TERRANCE. LET'S BEGIN WITH EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS – MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS “TRIPLE E.” EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS MOSTLY AFFECTS CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS. IT IS A SEVERE FORM OF ENCEPHALITIS -- INFLAMMATION OF THE LINING OF THE BRAIN. LARGE, WIDESPREAD OUTBREAKS OF TRIPLE E ARE UNCOMMON. AS I MENTIONED ON THE SHOW THE LAST TIME I WAS ON, BETWEEN 1961 AND 1985 – SOME 24 YEARS -- THERE WERE ONLY 99 CONFIRMED HUMAN CASES OF TRIPLE E IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN DO CASES OF EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS TEND TO OCCUR?

EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS OCCURS IN LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL IN PARTS OF CANADA, THE NORTH CENTRAL U.S., ALONG THE EASTERN AND GULF COAST STATES. SOME CASES APPEAR IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

HOW IS TRIPLE E SPREAD?

THE TRIPLE E VIRUS CIRCULATES IN WILD BIRD POPULATIONS. MOSQUITOES BITE INFECTED BIRDS AND THEN TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO HUMANS, HORSES AND OTHER MAMMALS.

IS THERE A VACCINE THAT CAN PREVENT EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS?

WELL, WHILE THERE IS A VACCINE THAT WILL PREVENT TRIPLE E IN HORSES, CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO WIDESPREAD VACCINE FOR HUMANS. HOWEVER, THE LATEST CASE OF EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS CONFIRMED IN VIRGINIA OCCURRED SOME EIGHT YEARS AGO -- IN 1998 -- IN PORTSMOUTH.

WHAT ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS?

WEST NILE ENCEPHALITIS, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE WEST NILE VIRUS, WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED IN THE U.S. IN 1999, IN NEW YORK CITY. THE VIRUS CONTINUED TO SPREAD AND BY THE END OF 2002, IT HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED IN ALMOST ALL OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS, NORM, OF WEST NILE VIRUS?

WEST NILE VIRUS USUALLY CAUSES MILD ILLNESS: FEVER, BODY ACHES, SWOLLEN LYMPH GLANDS AND OCCASIONALLY A SKIN RASH. YET, FOR PEOPLE AGE 50 AND OVER, THERE IS A GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING SERIOUS ILLNESS. IN THE ELDERLY, THE INFECTION CAN ALSO SPREAD TO THE BLOOD STREAM AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM -- CAUSING SEVERE HEADACHES, SUDDEN FEVER, A STIFF NECK, AND GENERAL CONFUSION.

SO, WHEN SHOULD PEOPLE BE PARTICULARLY WATCHFUL OF THESE SYMPTOMS?

PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE IF THESE SYMPTOMS OCCUR DURING PERIODS OF HIGH MOSQUITO ACTIVITY. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE WATCHFUL FOR DEAD BIRD REPORTS, WHICH COULD INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF THE DISEASE.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE WEST NILE SYMPTOMS TO OCCUR AFTER EXPOSURE AND HOW LONG DO THE SYMPTOMS LAST?

SYMPTOMS OF WEST NILE VIRUS MAY APPEAR AS EARLY AS ONE DAY AFTER EXPOSURE. MOST OFTEN, IT TAKES FROM 3 TO 15 DAYS FOR SYMPTOMS TO DEVELOP. WE SHOULD ALSO NOTE THOUGH, TERRANCE, THAT, GENERALLY, HEALTHY CHILDREN AND ADULTS MAY NOT EXHIBIT ANY SYMPTOMS OF WEST NILE VIRUS AT ALL.

HOW IS THE WEST NILE VIRUS SPREAD?

THE WEST NILE VIRUS IS SPREAD MUCH IN THE SAME WAY AS EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS. A MOSQUITO BECOMES INFECTED WITH THE WEST NILE VIRUS BY BITING A BIRD THAT CARRIES THE DISEASE. THAT MOSQUITO THEN BITES A HUMAN, INFECTING THAT PERSON.

OK! EARLIER YOU MENTIONED THAT SOMETHING TO BE WATCHFUL FOR ARE DEAD BIRDS. SO WHAT SHOULD SOMEONE DO IF THEY DO INDEED FIND A DEAD BIRD ON THEIR PROPERTY?

THEY SHOULD REPORT IT TO THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IMMEDIATELY. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE BIRD DIED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, IT WILL BE TESTED FOR THE WEST NILE VIRUS.

WHAT CAN OUR VIEWERS DO, NORM, TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE BITE OF A MOSQUITO THAT MIGHT BE A CARRIER OF DISEASE.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS THINGS THAT PEOPLE CAN DO TO GREATLY DIMINISH THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING BITTEN BY AN INFECTED MOSQUITO. THESE INCLUDE:

- **LIMITING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES AT DAWN AND DUSK -- ESPECIALLY WHEN MOSQUITO POPULATIONS ARE HEAVY, SUCH AS AFTER FLOODING;**
- **PLACING SCREENS ON WINDOWS AND DOORS;**
- **AND BY REMEMBERING "THE THREE "L's" WHEN OUT-OF-DOORS -- THAT IS WEARING CLOTHING THAT IS "LONG, LOOSE, AND LIGHT."**

WHAT ABOUT INSECT REPELLENTS?

INSECT REPELLENT CAN BE A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY OF WARDING OFF MOSQUITOES. BUT WE SHOULD NOTE THAT IT SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN A 50% DEET RATING FOR ADULTS AND LESS THAN A 30% DEET RATING FOR CHILDREN.

OK, NORM, LET'S TALK A BIT NOW ABOUT WHERE MOSQUITOES BREED AND WHAT YOUR OFFICE – THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION – DOES, AS WELL AS WHAT OUR VIEWERS CAN DO TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS.

I'D BE DELIGHTED, TERRANCE. VECTOR CONTROL WORKS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO REDUCE HABITATS WHERE MOSQUITOES BREED -- BY ELIMINATING OR TREATING STANDING WATER IN TIDAL DITCHES, RETENTION PONDS, SWAMPS AND STORM DRAINS. POOLS OF WATER THAT GATHER IN STORM DRAINS ARE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOSQUITOES AND OTHER DISEASE CARRYING INSECTS. WE ALSO SET LIGHT TRAPS TO COLLECT MOSQUITOES, SO THAT WE CAN COUNT AND IDENTIFY THE MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES FOR VIRAL TESTING.

THE LAST TIME YOU WERE ON, YOU TOLD US ABOUT THE "MOZZIE" PROGRAM. IN CASE SOME OF YOUR VIEWERS MISSED THAT EDITION OF HEALTHWATCH, WHY DON'T YOU TELL US ABOUT "MOZZIE" AGAIN?

"MOZZIE" IS A MOSQUITO LARVICIDING PROGRAM THAT EMPHASIZES TREATING STORM DRAINS WITH LARVICIDE, BECAUSE IT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-EFFECTIVE. LARVICIDING DESTROYS MOSQUITO LARVAE IN STAGNANT WATER. WE ALSO ROUTINELY MONITOR TREATED STORM DRAINS AND EXAMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "MOZZIE" SYSTEM. IF NECESSARY, WE RETREAT THE DRAIN.

I REMEMBER, NORM, THAT YOU SHARED WITH US BEFORE A GREAT LIST OF THINGS THAT NORFOLK RESIDENTS COULD DO TO ELIMINATE STANDING WATER AND THEREFORE THE RISK OF A MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS DEVELOPING ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY?

THERE ARE MANY THINGS, TERRANCE, THAT OUR VIEWERS CAN DO TO ELIMINATE MOSQUITO BREEDING AROUND THEIR HOMES. HERE IS A LIST OF IMPORTANT STEPS THAT THEY CAN TAKE.

- EMPTY WATER FROM WADING POOLS, WHEELBARROWS, BOATS AND TOYS;
- DISPOSE OF CANS, BOTTLES, AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS BY STORING THEM IN COVERED TRASHCANS OR SEALED BAGS UNTIL THEY ARE RECYCLED;
- ELIMINATE DISCARDED TIRES AND DRILLING DRAINAGE HOLES IN TIRES USED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT;
- COVER GARBAGE CANS SO THAT WATER DOESN'T COLLECT IN THEM;
- ADJUST TARPS OVER FIREWOOD PILES, GRILLS, BOATS, AND SWIMMING POOLS;
- RE-GRADE DRAINAGE AREAS AND CLEAN OUT DEBRIS FROM DITCHES TO ELIMINATE STANDING WATER;
- CLEAN AND CIRCULATE SWIMMING POOLS;
- CLEAN GUTTERS AND DOWN SPOUTS;
- ELIMINATE STANDING WATER ON FLAT ROOFS;
- CLEAN BIRDBATHS, PET WATERING CONTAINERS AND THE BOTTOMS OF POTTED PLANT HOLDERS EACH WEEK TO ELIMINATE ATTACHED MOSQUITO EGGS – AND REFILL THEM WITH CLEAN WATER;
- CIRCULATE WATER IN YOUR YARD OR GARDEN POND AND STOCK IT WITH TOP-WATER FEEDING FISH THAT EAT MOSQUITO LARVAE.

OK, IN THE EVENT, NORM, THAT SOME OF OUR VIEWERS WEREN'T ABLE TO JOT DOWN SOME OF THAT INFORMATION ON ELIMINATING STANDING WATER OR IF THEY HAVE A QUESTION ON HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM MOSQUITO BITES, WHAT IS THE NUMBER FOR THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION?

THEY CAN REACH THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT (757) 683-2840. THAT NUMBER AGAIN IS (757) 683-2840.

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**** STILL01: POLICE MEMORIAL

WELCOME TO THE JUNE EDITION OF NORFOLK NEWS NOW, I'M BONITA HARRIS WITH THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THANKS FOR JOINING US.

EVERY YEAR, THE NORFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT OBSERVS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.

THIS TRADITION PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

IT ALSO HONORS THEIR FAMILIES.

LAST MONTH'S CEREMONY INCLUDED PRAYERS, PLACING OF MEMORIAL WREATHS, AND THE PLAYING OF TAPS.

IT LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION WITH GATHERERS.

DELEGATE ALGIE HOWELL, JR. GAVE A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

(SOT)

SINCE 1904, 38 NORFOLK POLICE OFFICERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

MEMBERS OF THE NORFOLK LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF POLICE OFFICERS, ALONG WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOOK PART THIS YEAR.

***STILL02: SUMMER MEALS

EVERY SUMMER, A GROWING NUMBER OF NORFOLK CHILDREN EAT NUTRITIOUS MEALS, AT NO COST TO THEIR FAMILIES.

THAT'S THANKS TO THE AWARD WINNING SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS PROGRAM, TARGETING LOW INCOME FAMILIES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE WILL SPONSOR THE FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

IT'S ALSO INVITING PARTICIPATION FROM NON-CITY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING CHURCHES, AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS.

LAST SUMMER'S PRGRAM INCREASED FOOD SERVICES TO NORFOLK CHILDREN BY MORE THEN 65 PERCENT.

IN FACT, THE CITY EARNED THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S SUMMER CHAMPION AWARD.

THE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO LOW-INCOME NORFOLK CHILDREN, 18 AND UNDER, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY.

CALL 441-1035, FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

*****STILL03: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND, THE NORFOLK ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTER CAN HELP.

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.NORFOLK.GOV/ANIMALS.

THE SITE OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES, SUCH AS ADOPTABLE PETS, HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PET, DOG AND CAT LICENSES, MISSING OR LOST PETS, TRAPS, AND MORE.

YOU CAN ALSO LINK TO PETFINDERS.ORG AND SEE SOME OF THE MOST CUTE AND CUDDLY FOUR LEGGED COMPANIONS IN YOUR AREA.

STOP BY FOR A VISIT AT 5585 SABRE STREET

OR GIVE THE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTER A CALL AT 664-7387.

*****STILL04: GOOD TIMES

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A FUN, HEALTHY SUMMER, DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A COPY OF THE NEW SUMMER EDITION OF "GOOD TIMES OUT."

THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES PROVIDES THE PRINTED SCHEDULE OF REC CLASSES FOR NORFOLK CITIZENS LIKE YOU.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE FOR EVERYONE - WITH 20 GENERAL RECREATION CENTERS, TWO SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, AND A THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CENTER DEVOTED TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

IN ADDITION, A SPECIALTY CENTER OFFERS ART, DANCE, MUSIC, AQUATICS, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ATHLETICS.

. DON'T FORGET THE NEW NORFOLK FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER AT 7300 NEWPORT AVENUE.

SUMMER IN NORFOLK, EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES.

PICK UP YOUR GOOD TIMES AT ANY RECREATION CENTER, LIBRARY OR VISIT ONLINE AT WWW.NORFOLK.GOV/GOODTIMES

** *****STILL05: NORFOLK ALERT

BEGINNING JUNE 1ST, NORFOLKALERT WILL BE ABLE TO SEND YOU EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND ALERTS VIA E-MAIL OR PHONE CALL FROM POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

IT'S PART OF THE EVER IMPROVING PLAN TO DEAL WITH MAJOR EMERGENCIES, DISASTERS OR TERRORIST ATTACKS.

ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO EQUIP NEIGHBORS, CAREGIVERS, PARENTS AND OTHER NORFOLK RESIDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PREPARE AND REACT QUICKLY.

THE SERVICE IS PRIMARILY FOR NORFOLK RESIDENTS AND WORKERS.

HOWEVER, NORFOLKALERT WILL SEND EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS TO PEOPLE OUT OF THE AREA WHO PROVIDE FOR CARE OR SUPPLIES TO SOMEONE IN NORFOLK.

THE NEW NORFOLK ALERT SERVICE IS FREE TO ALL.

SIGN UP TODAY BY GOING TO NORFOLK.GOV.

*****STILL06: HURRICANE TIPS

WITH HURRICANE SEASON FAST APPROACHING, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS GETTING READY.

VDOT HAS STARTED GATE INSTALLATION ALONG THE I-64 EAST AND WEST HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE.

THAT PROVIDES A FASTER AND SAFER WAY OF CLOSING ON-RAMPS WITH MINIMUM MANUAL LABOR DURING HURRICANE EVACUATIONS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

IN THE EVENT OF A CATEGORY 4 OR 5 HURRICANE, THE GOVERNOR RETAINS THE OPTION OF ISSUING A TRAFFIC DIRECTION REVERSAL OF I-64 TO EVACUATE CITIZENS MORE EFFICIENTLY.

VDOT OFFICIALS EXPECT TO COMPLETE PHASE ONE OF THE INSTALLATION BY JULY.

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UP NEXT ON THE TRIPLE N (INSERT SCRIPT)

*****STILL07: STILL: CHALLENGER

WELCOME BACK TO THE TRIPLE-N.

"PLAY BALL" IS THE MOST REVERED COMMAND TO EVERY BASEBALL LOVER'S EARS.

AND HUNDREDS OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATHLETES IN NORFOLK DID JUST THAT FOR THE FIRST-EVER WORLD WIDE CHALLENGER JAMBOREE.

IT TOOK PLACE OVER MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND AT THE AZALEA LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX.

MORE THAN 100 TEAMS FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TRAVELED HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JAMBOREE.

DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY, MAYOR PAUL FRAIM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY WELCOMED THE TEAMS.

A PROCLAMATION ALSO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES.

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THE CHALLENGER DIVISION WAS ESTABLISHED BY LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL IN 1989.

IT ALLOWS SPECIAL ATHLETES PLAY BALL.

BASEBALL HAS SINCE BECOME THE LITTLE LEAGUE'S FASTEST GROWING DIVISION.

*****STILL08: BAURRAUD BBALL

SPEAKING OF BASEBALL, THE BEAUTIFULLY RENEWED AND RENOVATED BARRAUD PARK BASEBALL FIELD WAS READY FOR THE INAUGURAL GAME THAT'S THANKS TO A \$75,000 GRANT TO THE CITY OF NORFOLK FROM MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S "BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND."

THE PRESIDENT OF TOWNE BANK ALSO CONTRIBUTED \$15,000 TO ASSIST WITH EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM COSTS.

THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOLS NOW HAVE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS.

*****STILL09: STILL: REFUSE COLLECTION

DO YOU HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED, AND THE DESIRE TO LEARN?

IF SO, THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY BE ABLE TO USE YOU IN ITS DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT..

IT'S SEEKING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM.

THE POSITION OFFERS A STARTING SALARY IS \$8.67 PER HOUR AND EXCELLENT BENEFITS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES HANDS-ON COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING AND MAKES YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A PERMANENT POSITION AS SENIOR REFUSE COLLECTOR.

CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT 664-4486 OR VISIT NORFOLK.GOV FOR AN APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION.

*****STILL10: CHILD CARE

IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING AND PAYING FOR QUALITY CHILDCARE THE CITY OF NORFOLK MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CHILD CARE PROGRAM CAN ASSIST ELIGIBLE FAMILIES.

ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE, THIS PROGRAM HELPS PROMOTE PARENTAL CHOICE, AS WELL AS EDUCATE CONSUMERS AND ENHANCE HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 664-6175.

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UP NEXT ON NORFOLK NEWS NOW, (INSERT SCRIPT) MORE IN ONE MINUTE ON THE STATION FOR THE INFORMED CITIZEN, NORFOLK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK.

*****STILL11: SIGNS

WELCOME BACK TO NORFOLK NEWS NOW.

IF YOU WANT TO REMOVE INAPPROPRIATE, UNSIGHTLY OR JUST OUTDATED SIGNS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, MAKE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS DEVELOPED A CITY-WIDE ILLEGAL SIGN REMOVAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

IT EDUCATES CITIZENS ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AS WELL AS WHAT SIGNS SHOULD BE REMOVED; HOW TO REMOVE THE SIGNS; AND WHERE TO TAKE SIGNS AFTER REMOVAL.

THE ORDINANCE PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM HAS HELPED BEAUTIFY AND MAINTAIN A CLEANER NORFOLK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TRAINING PROGRAM, RESIDENTS AND CIVIC LEAGUES CAN CONTACT THE DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN PUBLIC WORKS.

*****STILL12: SPARC

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A HOME IN NORFOLK AT THE BEST INTEREST RATE, OR REFINANCE YOUR EXISTING HOME, LISTEN UP.

YOU MADE NEED SOME SPARC.

SPARC STANDS FOR SPONSORING PARTNERSHIPS AND REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES.

FUNDED BY THE VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SPARC OFFERS QUALIFIED HOMEBUYERS AN INTEREST RATE REDUCTION UP TO 1% BELOW THE VHDA'S GOING RATE.

THE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES PARTNERSHIPS IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY BY ALLOWING LOCALITIES TO CUSTOM DESIGN LOAN PROGRAMS THAT WILL ADDRESS CRITICAL NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED ON QUALIFYING NEW OR EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ANYWHERE IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK.

HOWEVER, THE PURCHASE PRICE CANNOT EXCEED \$320-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

FOR MORE ON THE PROGRAMS REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT ANDREW NORTHCUTT AT 757-664-6784.

*****STILL13: NORF CARES

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING, FLOWERS BLOOM, BIRDS SING, THE GRASS GROWS AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

THE CITY BECOMES FLOODED WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT TALL WEEDS AND GRASS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS PARKING ON THE GRASS.

THAT'S WHY THE NORFOLK CARES ASSISTANCE CENTER IS IMPLEMENTING A NEW APPROACH TO HANDLE SOME NUISANCE CONCERNS.

. WHENEVER THE CITY RECEIVES A COMPLAINT, HOMEOWNERS WILL RECEIVE A COURTESY LETTER.

THE GOAL IS TO HELP NORFOLK RESIDENTS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NUISANCE ORDINANCES THAT ARISE THIS TIME OF YEAR,

ALSO INCLUDED IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR TIPS PAMPHLET.

THESE LETTERS SHOULD ASSIST RESIDENTS AND INSPECTORS IN KEEPING NORFOLK'S NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE AND CLEAN.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS, CALL THE ASSISTANCE CENTER AT 664-6510

OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD LINK ON THE FRONT PAGE OF WWW.NORFOLK.GOV.

*****STILL14: VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER HAMPTON ROADS NEEDS YOUR HELP.

ITS MISSION IS TO CULTIVATE POOLS OF SKILLED, MOTIVATED VOLUNTEERS, TO DEVELOP IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS IN YOUTH AND ADULTS.

WITH AN ESTIMATED 1.3 MILLION IN OUR REGION, STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY AND CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IS KEY TO THE NONPROFIT RESOURCE CENTER.

VOLUNTEER HAMPTON ROADS HAS SERVED FIVE CITIES - CHESAPEAKE, NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH, SUFFOLK AND VIRGINIA BEACH SINCE 1957, IT IS A MEMBER OF THE HANDS ON NETWORK; THE POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION AND THE VOLUNTEER CENTER NATIONAL NETWORK. IT IS ALSO A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE UNITED WAY OF SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 624-2400 OR VISIT VOLUNTEERHR.ORG.

*****STILL15: SYMPHONY

KICKER STORY

MAY 26 JAMESTOWN CELEBRATION WITH VIRGINIA SYMPHONY AT THE CHRYSLER.
(BYE)

THAT WRAPS UP THIS EDITION OF NORFOLK NEWS NOW ON THE TRIPLE N!
THANKS FOR WATCHING NORFOLK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK FOR ALL THINGS NORFOLK.

I'M BONITA HARRIS WITH THE NORFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR CITY, AND CELEBRATE LIFE DAILY.

SAFETY

Minimize your risk of hydroplaning by taking a few precautions when you drive:

Hydroplaning. Hydroplaning is possibly one of the most frightening things that can happen to any driver short of being involved in a major collision. There you are, driving along at 50 or 60 mph in the rain, and suddenly your car is out of control. Some drivers have no idea why their car suddenly stopped responding to their turning the steering wheel and applying the brakes. Oftentimes, drivers who are interviewed after a collision caused by hydroplaning will say, "I don't know what happened, but I couldn't control the car."

The one thing all hydroplaning problems have in common is the presence of water on the roadway. Here's what happens when a hydroplaning car goes out of control: As the tires roll over the surface of a road that is wet after or during a heavy rain or when water has accumulated because of poor drainage, a wedge of water builds up just in front of the tire where it meets the road. If your tires are in good shape, they will flush away the wedge of water at lower speeds and allow the tire tread to grip the road for steering and braking. But when tires are worn or bald, the wedge of water does not get flushed away and the tires actually climb up on top of the wedge, losing contact with the road. Once the tires are floating on the water, the car is hydroplaning. The deeper the water, the more likely a hydroplane will occur. At slow speed, the tire simply squeezes the water away. At higher speeds, it is harder to flush away the water. Tires with deep tire treads

and tires specifically designed as “rain tires” work best. But even the best tires may hydroplane at higher speeds. And worn tires may start to hydroplane at speeds as low as 30 mph. The best advice for any driver encountering water on the roadway is to slow down. It is nearly impossible to know the depth of water on a roadway. Aside from hydroplaning, driving fast into water may cause a splash that could momentarily blind you or a nearby driver. Hitting water at high speeds may also cause water to splash up under the hood and cause the engine to die out. That could leave you dangerously stranded on a busy lane where following cars have minimal control.

Again the most important thing to remember – no matter how good your tires are, no matter if you have antilock brakes, four-wheel drive or traction control – is to slow down!

Your best safeguard against a potentially out-of-control hydroplaning experience is to slow down to below 30 mph when the roadway is covered with water and to avoid accumulated water on the roadway, like the intersection of Tidewater Drive, Virginia Beach Blvd and City Hall Exit off I-264.

MINIMIZE YOUR RISK OF HYDROPLANING BY TAKING A FEW PRECAUTIONS:

*Make sure that all four of the tires on your car are in good condition. That means they must have a good amount of tread left that will allow water to be flushed out of the path of the tire as it meets the road. Ask your service dealer to measure the tire tread depth and advise you if it is adequate to keep you safe.

*In rainy weather, slow down to a safe speed. If need be, pull off the road in a dangerous downpour with limited visibility and a high risk of hydroplaning.

USE CAUTION IF YOU DRIVE A LOW CLEARANCE VEHICLE LIKE THE DODGE NEON, OR A CUSHMAN SCOOTER DURING HEAVY RAIN.

Norfolk Department of Public Health Begins Fogging for Mosquitoes

Norfolk, VA – The Vector Control Division of the Norfolk Department of Public Health will begin mosquito fogging operations for the season. Due to elevated mosquito counts, Vector Control will fog the following communities: Albemarle, Broadus Manor, Euwanee Park, Hyde Park Homes, Northside Park, Colonial Heights, and Hampton Gardens. Fogging will occur between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., tomorrow morning, Thursday, June 22, 2006, weather permitting, and with wind speeds of less than 10 miles an hour

Residents are urged to stay indoors when their areas are being fogged. The Norfolk Mosquito Hotline telephone number is (757) 683-2914. It will be updated after 3:00 p.m. daily, listing fogging locations.

The Vector Control Division treats standing water before larvae can emerge. Storm drains have already been treated this season and will continue to be treated.

The Virginia Department of Health recommends the following tips to reduce exposure to mosquitoes:

- ☐ **Turn over or remove containers in your yard where water collects, such as old tires, potted plants, buckets, and toys and fill in any holes in the yard left by downed trees.**
- ☐ **Eliminate standing water on tarps or flat roofs.**
- ☐ **Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.**
- ☐ **Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.**
- ☐ **Wear clothing that is loose, long, and light-colored.**
- ☐ **Use insect repellent products with no more than 50 per cent DEET rating for adults and less than 10 per cent for children. Follow instructions when using insect repellents.**
- ☐ **Repair screens on doors and windows.**

For more information on mosquito control or to report areas of potential mosquito breeding, call Norfolk Vector Control at (757) 683-2840.

1 – 2 – 3 Grow With Me: A Parent – Child Workshop Series Begins This Month

Parents, grandparents and caregivers, play with your child in this fun, interactive program for children ages 1 – 3. Lots of toys, an art activity and circle time are included.

Each week a different community resource professional will visit to talk about such topics as nutrition, child development, speech and language, and movement.

Session I

June 17	10 - 11:30 AM
June 24	10 - 11:30 AM
July 1	10 - 11:30 AM
July 8	10 - 11:30 AM
July 15	10 - 11:30 AM

Session II

July 29	10 - 11:30 AM
August 5	10 - 11:30 AM
August 12	10 - 11:30 AM
August 19	10 - 11:30 AM
August 26	10 - 11:30 AM

Kirn Memorial Library
301 E. City Hall Avenue
Norfolk, VA
664-7323 ext. 43748

All programs are free and open to the public, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

www.npl.lib.va.us

The Hurrah Players

Virginia's Leading Family Theatre Company

Hugh Copeland, Artistic Director

Present

The Taffetas

A Musical Journey Through the Fabulous Fifties!

Featuring music from lovable girl bands like the Andrews Sisters,

McGuire Sisters and Lennon Sisters

If you remember Lawrence Welk (or even if you don't)

...then you'll love ***The Taffetas!***

July 28th @ 7:00pm

July 29th @ 3:00pm

July 30th @ 3:00pm

TCC Roper Performing Arts Center

340 Granby St Norfolk

Tickets:

Premium seating: \$24

Regular seating: \$17 adults/ \$10 kids(12 and under)

Seagrove Potters Return to the Hermitage for *Clay Days Pottery Festival*

“Lives of Clay” An Exhibition of Seagrove Pottery Opens July 15

Norfolk, VA—*Clay Days*, a pottery festival in the garden, will take place July 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of The Hermitage Foundation Museum. Artists from the pottery-rich community of Seagrove, North Carolina, will exhibit their wares and share their love of pottery through demonstrations and discussion on the art of working with clay. This year’s festival spotlights seven of the nearly 90 pottery studios in Seagrove and features artfully designed teapots, large functional vessels, decorative tiles, jewelry, multitudes of pots, and more.

Along with clay art sales and demonstrations, *Clay Days* will feature food and beverage vendors, children’s art activities, a community clay project, and information on the ceramics program at The Hermitage Visual Arts School. Ceramics classes begin the week following the clay festival. The museum will also be open for tours, and the Changing Galleries will feature an exhibition of clay art from Seagrove Potters. *Lives of Clay* takes a look at the people who have dedicated their lives to forming clay into art. From utilitarian to decorative to ideological, the pieces on display reflect the diverse concepts, materials, and processes artists use to transform one medium into varied signature styles. The exhibition will be on display until August 31.

The festival is open to the public free of charge, and admission to the museum is free for Hermitage members.

Artists exhibiting at *Clay Days* and in *Lives of Clay* are Mark and Meredith Heywood of *Whynot Pottery*, Fred Johnston and Carol Gentithes of *Johnston and Gentithes Art Pottery*, Anne Jorgensen of *Raven Pottery*, Chris Luther of *Luther Pottery*, Jacques and Juliana Busbee of *Jugtown Pottery*, and Jennie Lorette Keatts of *JLK Handcrafted Jewelry*. More detailed information on *Clay Days* events and contributing artists is available at www.thfm.org.

***Lives of Clay* is on display in the Changing Galleries July 15 – August 31.**

A Hermitage Foundation members-only preview of *Lives of Clay* and Clay Days Pottery Festival booths happens on Friday, July 14 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Formerly home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is an historic house museum surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions. The Visual Arts School, located on the beautiful grounds of the Hermitage, houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. The Hermitage Foundation Museum is open for tours daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesday—and is free to museum members, under 6, and Active Duty military. Regular admission is \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students.

For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org. The Hermitage Foundation is a member of Virginia Association of Museums, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, American Association of State and Local History, and a partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

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Aging Storm Water Pipes Get Rejuvenation

The Division of Environmental Storm Water Management has completed the rehabilitation of over 1700 feet of storm water pipe during the 2006 fiscal year at a total cost of \$227,409. This work is essential to repair cracks and breaks in the storm water piping system. Tree roots and time take their toll on buried piping of all types. Renewal of the inside surface of the pipes also increases their flow efficiency, thereby reducing the risk of flooding.

The piping is renewed by the installation of a very durable plastic liner. This is accomplished in one of two ways; sliplining or Cast in Place Pipe (CIPP). Both techniques can be applied with the pipe in place, making excavation unnecessary. The sliplining process involves placing a plastic insert into the existing underground pipe. The CIPP process uses direct application of liquid plastic material to the interior surface of the pipe where it then hardens into a solid coating. Prior to installation, contractors conduct a video inspection of the pipe interior in order to decide which method will work best in each case.

The following is a summary of the project locations and cost for this fiscal year.

<u>Project Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Length of Pipe Repaired</u>
Woodlawn Memorial Gardens	\$48,519	350 ft
South Cape Henry Old Ocean View Rd @	\$52,721	474 ft
Chesapeake Blvd.	\$68,412	330 ft
Fernwood Drive	\$25,484	258 ft
Gabriel Drive	\$19,904	171 ft
Tifton Street	\$12,369	125 ft

More emphasis is being placed on the need for storm water pipe rehabilitation in the city of Norfolk. Spending for these projects is expected to increase in the next fiscal year.

CONTACT: Sharon M. McDonald
Commissioner of the Revenue
(757) 664-7888

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue
Now Accepting Applications for
Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

June 1, 2006 - Norfolk's Commissioner of the Revenue, Sharon M. McDonald, is now accepting applications for the Real Estate Tax Deferral Program for Norfolk homeowners.

The Real Estate Tax Deferral Program offers homeowners the option to defer a portion of real estate tax increases. The deferral becomes effective July 1, 2006.

To qualify for Real Estate Tax Deferral:

- You must have lived in the property for which the deferral is being requested for at least five years prior to the application date;
- You must live in the home exclusively as your sole dwelling; and
- Your combined income of owners and all relatives living in home cannot exceed \$100,000 per year.

Applications must be filed no later than August 1, 2006

Any deferred amounts can remain deferred until the sale or transfer of the property or death of the last qualifying owner. The deferred amount shall be subject to interest computed at a rate of 3 1/2 percent per year. This accrued interest will be added to the deferred tax. All taxes on the home, including interest, shall be paid to the city by the owner upon the sale or transfer of the property, or from the estate of the decedent within one year after the death of the owner.

To receive an application or for more information, contact program coordinator Carolyn Lawrence at (757) 441-1502, or Sharon M. McDonald, Commissioner of the Revenue, at (757) 664-7888. Citizens may also visit the Real Estate Tax Relief office in the Tidewater Tech Building, 922 W. 21st St. Information, including application forms, is also available at the Commissioner of the Revenue website <http://www.norfolk.gov/Revenue>.

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Nauticus Welcomes Bouncing Baby Bamboo Shark

Norfolk, Va. – Nauticus recently welcomed its first-born Brown Banded Bamboo Shark. The birth of this baby shark, scientifically named *Chiloscyllium punctatum*, took place in the aquatic lab hatchery at Nauticus and was born to a mated pair featured in the Nauticus touching pool.

The “pup,” as all shark babies are called, was born with brilliant black and white stripes. The pattern and color for the shark provide a generous amount of camouflage to protect it from its predators. The stripes also help to hide its eyes while in its natural environment near coral reefs and tide pools. Measuring approximately six inches in length at birth, the Brown Banded Bamboo Shark can grow to be up to five feet long. This Bamboo Shark is a carnivore. Within 24 hours of its birth, the male pup completely absorbed its yoke sac and began feeding on small bits of meat. In its natural environment, these sharks usually feed on the bottom on smaller animals such as fish, shrimp, and scallops. The pup is still being held in the aquatic lab hatchery but will be able to be seen by the general public in about a week.

For more information, please contact Nauticus at (757) 664-1000.

IN THE COMMUNITY

**FIVE NORFOLK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECEIVE \$5,000
SCHOLARSHIPS FROM TIDEWATER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION**

Five Norfolk high school graduates were among 10 recipients of four-year \$5,000 scholarships from the Tidewater Builders Association Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship awards were presented at an awards breakfast on Thursday, June 8 at TowneBank in downtown Norfolk.

A nine-member selection committee spent four weeks reviewing just under 200 applications to select the scholarship recipients. Selections for the scholarships are based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need.

Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim and Schools Superintendent Dr. Stephen Jones were on hand to congratulate the Norfolk recipients.

Naomi Hunter of Granby High School received the Lee Gifford Scholarship. She plans to study biology at Old Dominion University. She has taken an active role in her community by singing in her church youth choir since 2001 as well as serving as a youth leader and volunteering in the church soup kitchen since 2004. She has been a member of her school track team since 2001 where she was a member of the all-district team in 2001 and 2002 and held the honor of district champion in 2002 and 2003.

Hunter has also been a member of the Junior National Honor Society.

Ranita Turner of Granby High School plans to attend George Mason University and major in political science. Turner has been editor and business manager of the Literary Arts Magazine and has served as both president and vice president of the SCA. She is a member of the Granby Players Theatre Group, the Debate Team and DECA, and has also been the treasurer and a delegate to the Model United Nations. She has been active with Adopt-A-Child; assisted in the school office, served as a Spanish tutor, and has been a United Way Fundraiser. She was named the Eastern District Debate Champion in 2003-2004; was DECA Associate Level District Champion 2003-2004 and DECA Associate Level Second Place Winner 2002-2003.

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Harry Lea of Maury High School plans to attend Old Dominion University and major in biological sciences. Despite a lifetime visual impairment and personal hardships, Harry is optimistic about his future and the opportunities ahead of him. He undertook a rigorous and challenging curriculum throughout his school career and is passionate about animals. He served in the Norfolk Virginia Zoo's volunteer program in the summer of 2005 and plans to go into a field of work with animals.

Ausean Williams of Norview High School plans to attend Radford University and major in music education. Williams was secretary of Future Educators of America, senior class secretary; senior class ambassador; co-captain of drama, president of Project Discovery, and vice president of Leadership Council. He has also held memberships in the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Student Senate. He has been selected for Boy's State, Advanced Music Ensemble, and Boy's Chorus. Williams also served as a tutor and as an American Red Cross volunteer.

She'Anna McCloud of Booker T. Washington High School plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University. She received Youth of the Year Awards for 2003 and 2006; 3.0 or Higher GPA Award; Bank of America Student Leaders Award, and Presidential Scholar Award. She is also secretary of her senior class. She has served community dinners on holidays and participated in community beautification programs and community night activities

In addition to the academic scholarships, \$10,000 was awarded to six winners of The Young Designers Scholarship Competition, a drawing/design contest, and another \$5,000 went to the schools that submitted the most entries.

Since 1965, the TBA Scholarship Foundation has provided more than \$1.2 million in financial assistance to 338 students. The foundation is supported by the construction and sale of an annual Scholarship House as well as private donations.

Five Points Community Farm Market at MacArthur Center Doubles Its Size and Adds More Hours

Five Points Community Farm Market at MacArthur Center is doubling its size and extending its hours – after being open only two weeks – to keep up with the high demand for fresh, locally-grown produce.

An additional 30-by-40 foot tent will be added Saturday, July 1, allowing room to debut new seasonal produce including cantaloupe, tomatoes, sweet corn, watermelon and butter beans.

Beginning Tuesday, July 4, the farm market will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The new hours run through October.

“We’ve had tremendous support from the community so far and we’re so excited to be growing the market in such a short time,” says Karen Winters, MacArthur Center marketing & sponsorship director.

Enjoy the music of Amy Ferebee, a guitarist and vocalist who specializes in Americana Roots music. She’ll entertain patrons at the market this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“I’ll be an added decoration to the market,” Ferebee explains. “My music will make it fun and lively to shop there and the market is just such a good cause, we want Norfolk to come and support it.”

Five Points Community Farm Market at MacArthur Center is at the corner of Monticello Avenue and Freemason Street.

Norfolk Alliance for Persons with Mental Retardation (NAPMR)

The Norfolk Alliance for Persons with Mental Retardation is a grassroots organization dedicated to offering support to individuals with mental retardation and their family

members, community professionals, and others concerned about the needs of Norfolk's citizens with mental retardation.

Established in 1991, the Norfolk Alliance works closely with the Norfolk Community Services Board, Eggleston Services, and other related agencies to expand and improve services to persons with mental retardation, and to diligently practice and promote the principles of normalization and community inclusion. The goals of the NAPMR is to use a variety of legislative, educational, support, and advocacy initiatives to empower consumers and their family members to live rich, fulfilled lives and become full partners in policy decisions affecting community mental retardation services.

Currently, the Alliance meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., with light refreshments beginning at 6:30 p.m. Regular monthly meetings are held at Eggleston Services, 1161 Ingleside Road, Norfolk, Virginia 25502.

For more Information, please contact Pat MacKeil at 423-7609 or Pam and Phil Wright at pammywright@cox.net

National Football Players Fathers Association and Virginia Ballet Theatre Form Athletes for Kids Partnership

Virginia Ballet Theatre will join with the National League Players Father Association in a partnership called Athletes for Kids. The combined mission of Athletes for Kids is to positively enhance the Mind, Body, and Spirit of Children through the Arts and Discipline of Dance and Athletics. Samuel McNabb, father of Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb and President of NLPFA, is pleased to lend the assistance of the organization and coordinate appearances of National Football League players at week long events organized by Virginia Ballet Theatre that will target education and hands on participation of inner city and at risk children.

Donovan McNabb, quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles will be the first participating NFL star; a week-long program with him will be scheduled for March/April 2007. The residency will include class instruction and choreography for presentation when the players arrive. The Cities of Norfolk, VA, Chicago and Philadelphia have been targeted for residencies in the coming year. The Philadelphia Police Athletic League and Chicago Public School system are partnering with Athletes for Kids in their corresponding cities, with a kickoff event scheduled for September 5th, 2006 at Compostella Elementary School in Norfolk, VA. Athletes for Kids staff teachers, Duncan Cooper (Dance Theater of Harlem) and Lydia Coco (Alvin Ailey Dance Company) will teach this abbreviated program and Samuel McNabb and William Fuller (former Philadelphia Eagle) will attend to work and visit with the children at this special event.

The Mission of Athletes for Kids is to positively enhance the mind, body and spirit of children through the Arts and discipline of dance and athletics.

This program is a collaboration of Dance Professionals and Professional Athletes with the expressed purpose of integrating arts, in particular dance and athletics to enhance the child's cognitive learning process, ability to work with others, coordination, stamina, and discipline.

The program is a weeklong residency that includes movement instruction, including dance and athletics to gain a greater appreciation of both disciplines. Dance has long been a cross training tool for the aspiring and professional athlete; this program will incorporate dance, stretching, strengthening, choreography (for presentation) and positive role models to have a lasting effect on the participants.

www.virginiaballettheatre.com

GOVERNOR LAUNCHES “PREVENTION COMES FIRST” INITIATIVE

~Signs executive order creating Interagency Anti-Gang Workgroup ~

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine today launched his **Prevention Comes First** anti-gang initiative, coordinating the state's deterrence-focused efforts to improve public safety, education and health. The initiative includes components to cultivate collaboration, provide opportunities for youth, increase public awareness and training, and offer tools for community planning. As part of the initiative, Governor Kaine signed Executive Order 15, establishing Virginia's Interagency Anti-Gang Workgroup, which will work with local and state organizations and officials to prevent and reduce gang violence.

“Community-based prevention initiatives can help support healthy families and communities, help our children grow toward bright futures, and cultivate more informed and engaged citizens to combat problems like gang violence,” Governor Kaine said.

“Strong prevention efforts to reduce gang membership are essential because law enforcement alone cannot adequately address the problem of youth gangs.”

The Anti-Gang Workgroup consists of 24 designees from 17 different executive branch agencies and organizations that will operate under the direction of Secretary of Public Safety John Marshall.

“The proliferation of gang membership is a serious public safety concern facing Virginia's communities today,” said Secretary Marshall. “We are aware of more than 300 youth gangs and similar alliances throughout the Commonwealth, with as many as 5,000 children associated with those gangs. The Anti-Gang Workgroup will foster unprecedented collaboration and enhance technological capabilities to help us reduce the threat these gangs pose to our communities.”

Prevention Comes First will offer grants of up to \$10,000 dollars through initiatives, such as the Governor's Community Service and Civic Engagement Program, to various communities in order to establish positive alternatives to gang involvement for at-risk youth.

The workgroup includes designees from the Departments of Correctional Education, Corrections, Criminal Justice Services, Education, Health, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Social Services and State Police, the Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council and the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention and staff from the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, the Richmond Behavioral Authority, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association and Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for School-Community Collaboration.

The **Prevention Comes First** anti-gang initiative includes five integral components:

- **Collaboration** - Virginia's Interagency Anti-Gang Workgroup will cultivate strong collaboration with and among every level of government regarding gang prevention strategies.
- **Opportunities for Youth** – Using the Governor's discretionary Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funds, the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Department of Criminal Justice Services will provide competitive mini-grants to 30 localities to implement the "Governor's Community Service and Civic Engagement Program" targeting community-based intervention for youth who are at-risk for gang involvement. Applications will be available in August 2006 and can be accessed through the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention's website, www.gosap.virginia.gov.
- **Public Awareness and Training** - This component will provide the citizens of the Commonwealth with the information to address the problems in their communities through a series of trainings.
 - Training – The Department of Education, in coordination with Virginia Commonwealth University, is sponsoring workshops across the state in gang prevention and on the collection and use of discipline, crime and violence data.
 - Virginia State Police Gang Reduction Initiative – The Virginia State Police will develop a Gang Reduction Initiative which will train 126 State Police Crime Prevention Specialists and develop and distribute a 30-second public service announcement, in both English and Spanish, with a gang awareness and prevention message directed at youth. Beginning Monday, June 12th this new Public Service Announcement will begin airing on cable television and radio stations in Richmond, Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Roanoke and Harrisonburg.
 - Safety Matters in Mentoring, the Virginia Mentoring Partnership - Collaborating with the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, the Virginia Mentoring

Partnership will include a youth violence, gang involvement and substance abuse component in all their mentoring trainings across the state. These trainings and services increase every year with 1400 individuals trained during 2005.

- *Prevention Comes First Conference, Fall 2006* – This one-day conference, with an estimated 500 participants representing law enforcement, education, prevention practitioners, Commonwealth's Attorneys and other professionals, will highlight gang prevention model programs that have proven results to reduce gang membership and activity.

- **Tools to Assist: The Community Profile Database, Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention** - The Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention's Community Profile Database is an easy-to-use database that will provide localities with objective data to conduct quality needs assessments and planning. The Community Profile Database can be found on the Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention website.

- **Evaluation:** Each component will be evaluated to monitor outcomes and improve effectiveness.

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Legislation for faith-based organizations during emergencies

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine signed legislation that establishes an orderly process to coordinate assistance offered by faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations during times of emergency or natural disaster. House Bill 1213 and Senate Bill 730 direct the Department of Social Services to coordinate offers of assistance concerning materials, temporary housing or volunteer manpower from these organizations and, among other things, to:

- Lead and facilitate meetings with organizations to help carry out human welfare programs in Virginia;
- Encourage conferences and meetings at the community level for such organizations; and
- Provide procurement and funding information as needed.

The full text of the law is available on the Virginia General Assembly's [Legislative Information System](#).

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Arts Within Reach – A Great Way to Connect With the Arts in Norfolk

Arts Within Reach is a series of free concerts and performing arts programs for all Norfolk residents to enjoy. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports **free** programs that bring

great art to Norfolk communities. **Arts Within Reach** features free performances in neighborhoods throughout the City. Citizens can get to know local artists while enjoying their talents and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

The alternative venues where you might find Arts Within Reach programs include Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church, the Pagoda Garden, Teahouse and Gallery; Mount Zion Baptist Church, the Selden Arcade, Park Place Baptist Church, the Hermitage, and the Attucks Theatre. Artists and performers are from the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Opera, the Virginia Ballet Theatre, and Young Audiences of Virginia. In addition, choral groups, theatre companies and more are involved and share their love of art with audiences of all ages, from the very young to the young-at-heart.

Programs take place (often, but not always, on weekdays) from September through June of each year. Schedules of upcoming programs are sent out by mail in September and January, and monthly by e-mail. To receive regular notices of Arts Within Reach performances, please call 664-4321 and leave your contact information.

LIBRARIES

Magic in the Woods. 2:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 1. Join Sam, our fearless explorer, as he learns that ordinary things can be magical. Follow along as Sam finds out what happens as he ventures into the enchanted forest. Age Groups: All Ages. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Crafty Creativity at Park Place Library. 3:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 1. Join us to create a different craft project each week! Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Kute Kids Storytime. 10:00 a.m., Wed, Aug 2. Join us for stories that explore the forest. Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Special Summer Stories. 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 2. Surprise! Expect the unexpected and anticipate having a fantastic time with these surprising stories. Age Groups: Preschool. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Summer Toddlertime. 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 2. Come enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, and more in this special lapsit storytime. Age Groups: Toddlers. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Be a Clown! 11:15 a.m., Wed, Aug 2. Yea! Our favorite clown, Little Light, is back with her clown mother, Joy Joy! Come listen to some cute clown tales and find out how you can "be a clown!" (This event is for 3 - 5 year olds.) Age Groups: Preschool. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Abrakadoodle. 2:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 2. Art is SmART! Join us for an exciting new program for students in grades 1-6. You'll learn new art techniques and all about different artistic styles. Each week, you'll get to take home a new piece of artwork that you've completed. Because class size is limited, registration is required week to week. Please call 664-7323 ext 43748 to register. Age Groups: School Age. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Sweet Jester Makers Wanted. 2:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 2. Every palace has a court jester. The Big Rock Candy Palace candy shop is looking for jester makers. Make and take workshop. Age Groups: School Age. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852

Teen Meet. 4:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 2. Join other Norfolk teens at Pretlow to discuss subjects of interest to you. We will be serving pizza and sodas. Ages 12 years and up. Age Groups: Teens. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

XTreme READS @ Your Library: YA Summer Reading Book Club 2006. 5:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 2. The Bluford Series: Stories to Experience. Share the lives and stories of the students of Bluford High School as they deal with the day to day, real-life situations and challenges that face today's youth. Great snacks, give aways and a Pizza Party will end a great summer of reading. Complete all six weeks of reading for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Age Groups: Teens. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Tutu Tootsie presents Once Upon A Time. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 3. Some of our favorite story's told with a twist by the Wicked Queen. Age Groups: Preschool. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Once Upon a Western Time for Preschool Kids. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 3. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and craft centered around a western theme. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Music, Music, Music!. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Was the music of long ago the same as ours? Age Groups: All Ages. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Tutu, Tootsie and Friends: Pirate Clown Magic. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Set sail with Belly Bones in search of plunder and booty as ye visit the seven seas in your quest to find the Captain's lost treasure! Age Groups: All Ages. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Virginia Living Museum's Mother Nature Road Show. 2:30 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Join Sam, our fearless explorer, as he learns that ordinary things can be magical. You and Sam will meet fascinating critters on this adventurous walk

through an enchanted forest. Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Meet Norfolk Mermaid Sculptor, Georgia Mason. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Mermaid artist, Georgia Mason, will be our special guest reader today! Come hear a real mermaid sculptor read Norfolk's incredibly popular mermaid book. Georgia will also share her experiences designing "Miss Virginia Vine" and the Kirn Memorial Library's "FedEx Mermaid." Come see her smaller mermaid art in her table-sized mermaid collection that will dazzle your eyes! With Georgia's inspiration, we'll also be creating some mermaid art of our own today! (This event is for students and their families.) Age Groups: School Age. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Once Upon a Western Time for School Age. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and a craft centered around a western theme. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Favorite Fairytales. 6:30 p.m., Thu, Aug 3. Stories to end your day with a glow. Bring the young ones in pajamas and listen to favorite stories and enjoy milk and cookies. Age Groups: Family. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

Super Saturday Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Sat, Aug 5. Join us each Saturday for the best in children's literature, songs, and other activities. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Planetarium Show - "Deep Impact". 2:00 p.m., Sat, Aug 5. Meet a Virginia Living Museum astronomer from their planetarium, and join us on a journey to explore and discover comets. Are we overdue for another "cometary" collision? Can we predict when a comet may be coming? Find out what's being done to answer these questions and more in this exciting planetarium presentation. Refreshments are provided. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

Mega Movie Mondays. 2:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 7. Come and see what is playing on the small screen at Park Place and speak your mind after the show Age Groups: School Age, Teens, Family. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Teentime. 3:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 7. Come hang out with your friends and have Xtreme fun with Xtreme reads this Summer at your library. Snacks provided. Age Groups: Teens. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Dragons. 2:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 8. Dazzle your friends by making your very own dragon. The children's librarian will show you how. Age Groups: All Ages. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Crafty Creativity at Park Place Library. 3:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 8. Join us to

create a different craft project each week! Age Groups: School Age, Teens.
Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Aesop's Fables. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 10. Once upon a time there was a fox and some grapes. Age Groups: Preschool. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Story Time for Babies and Toddlers. 10:30 AM, Thu, Aug 10. Have a fun summer! Join us for fingerplays, music, playtime and stories. Age Groups: Babies, Toddlers. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

This Little Piggy. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 10. This little piggy went to market. This little piggy stayed home. This little piggy went to storytime and had a snorting good time! Join us for stories, songs and crafts. Age Groups: Preschool. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Once Upon a Ghostly Time. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 10. Bring your imagination as you join us for a ghostly story and craft. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Fractured Fairy Tales. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 10. Ever heard of "Sleeping Cutie or the Wolf who cried Boy? Let's hear these twists on the familiar. Age Groups: All Ages. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Twice Upon a Time: Fractured Fairy Tales. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 10. These aren't the same old fairy tales your momma used to tell you! Join us for Funny Fractured Fairy Tales and crafts! Age Groups: School Age. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Once Upon a Ghostly Time. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 10. Bring your imagination as you join us for a ghostly story and craft. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Teen Advisory Club. 3:30 p.m., Thu, Aug 10. Make a difference in your library! Recommend books, help plan events and discuss great books. Meet other local teens at the next Teen Advisory Meeting. Meetings held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Age Groups: Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Super Saturday Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Sat, Aug 12. Join us each Saturday for the best in children's literature, songs, and other activities. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Gangs. 1:30 p.m., Sat, Aug 12. To seek knowledge is to be safe. Join us for a presentation from the Norfolk Police Dept. Date will be announced Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Teentime. 3:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 14. Come hang out with your friends and have Xtreme fun with Xtreme reads this Summer at your library. Snacks provided. Age Groups: Teens. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Family Reading Night at the Library! 6:30 p.m., Mon, Aug 14. Set aside this time to bring your family to Pretlow Branch and enjoy reading with each other in our meeting room. Select your titles yourselves, or we will be glad to choose some titles for you. Age Groups: Family. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Castle Fun. 2:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 15. Have you ever thought what it would be like to live in a castle? Learn how to make the front of a castle, drawbridge and all. We will also talk about what life was like when people lived in castles long ago. Age Groups: All Ages. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Crafty Creativity at Park Place Library. 3:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 15. Join us to create a different craft project each week! Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

KUTE KIDS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME. 10:00 a.m., Wed, Aug 16. From The Sea To The Sidewalks: Mermaids Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Summer Toddlertime. 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 16. Come enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, and more in this special lapsit storytime. Age Groups: Toddlers. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Summer Specials. 2:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 16. Stories, special performers, games, crafts and more! Come enjoy a super Summer with us at the library. Age Groups: School Age. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Triumphs Through Science: African-American Visionaries. 2:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 16. Learn about some historic and modern scientists and inventors who made contributions to science, technology and industry. Experience a variety of interactive demonstrations with real-world applications. Don't miss this program presented by Nauticus. Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Teen Meet. 4:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 16. Join other Norfolk teens at Pretlow to discuss subjects of interest to you. We will be serving pizza and sodas. Ages 12 years and up. Age Groups: Teens. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Down by the Sea. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 17. Ouch! A crab pinched my toe. Age Groups: Preschool. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Story Time for Babies and Toddlers. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 17. Have a fun summer! Join us for fingerplays, music, playtime and stories. Age Groups: Babies, Toddlers. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Dinosaurs. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 17. Dinosaurs Roar at our storytime. Join us for stories, songs and crafts. Age Groups: Preschool. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Once Upon a Dragon Time for Preschool Kids. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 17. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and craft centered around Once upon a dragon time. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Sidewalk Art Show. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 17. Show off your artistic side while promoting your favorite books at Park Place Sidewalk Art Show Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Frog Prince. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 17. Listen to *The Frog Prince* and other hoppy tales; then, make a frog to take home. Age Groups: All Ages. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Twice Upon a Time: Fractured Fairy Tales. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 17. These aren't the same old fairy tales your momma used to tell you! Join us for Funny Fractured Fairy Tales and crafts! Age Groups: School Age. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Once Upon a Dragon Time for School-Age. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 17. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and craft centered around Once upon a dragon time. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Super Saturday Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Sat, Aug 19. Join us each Saturday for the best in children's literature, songs, and other activities. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

The Unicorn Cousin. 1:00 p.m., Sat, Aug 19. Come and amuse yourself as two cousins of Unicorns drop in for a visit. Cameras are welcome. Age Groups: Family. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852

Gathering of the Real and the Make-Believe. 2:00 p.m., Sat, Aug 19. Join us as we come to the final pages of our storybook adventures of Once Upon A Time. Court jesters, fairy princesses and many more characters will be out and about to bid the public farewell. Come out for this gala event, Refreshments will be served. Age Groups: All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852

Mega Movie Mondays. 2:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 21. Come and see what is playing on the small screen at Park Place and speak your mind after the show

Age Groups: School Age, Teens, Family. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Teen Grand Finale! 3:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 21. Teens get another chance to rap or read at LC! Free gift card for the best teen rap or poetry! You and your friends stay ice cold with free drinks and enjoy great snacks! Age Groups: Teens. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Larchmont Grand Finale. 2:00 p.m., Tue, Aug 22. Let's celebrate all the good books that we read, programs, and crafts done over the summer. You will be presented with your certificates, stickers and a feast fit for a king or queen (that means goodies!). There will be added surprises to complete your summer of fun. Age Groups: All Ages. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335

Kute Kids Storytime. 10:00 a.m., Wed, Aug 23. Leaping Frogs! Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Special Summer Stories. 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 23. Get ready to laugh and giggle- these stories will make you chuckle and leave you with a smile. Age Groups: Preschool. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Toddler Grand Finale! 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 23. Join us for a cool celebration of all the fun you've had at the library this Summer! Drinks and snacks for all toddlers! Age Groups: Toddlers. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

School-Age Grand Finale! 2:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 23. Come celebrate at the library at this Summer Reading Wrap-up Party! Prizes, drinks and snacks for all school-age readers! Age Groups: School Age. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Tweens and Teens Programs. 2:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 23. Xtreme Heros and Heroines Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

The Leopard Drum. 3:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 23. An African Folktale you will really love. Come on Readers Theater let's get it on. Age Groups: School Age. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 24. Join us for some of our favorite Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. Age Groups: Preschool. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Summer Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Thu, Aug 24. Come enjoy great stories, songs, games, and crafts at this wonderful preschool storytime. Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Once Upon a Royal Time. 10:30 a.m. Thu, Aug 24. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and craft centered around Once upon a royal time. You

may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: Preschool. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Medieval Fair. 2:00 p.m. Thu, Aug 24. Food, games, music and who knows what else. Age Groups: All Ages. Barron F. Black Homework Center, 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive. 757-441-5806

Dragons and other Mischief: Stories from Once Upon a Time. 2:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 24. Storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann and her shy but stage-struck dragon Jean-Claude will lead us into an enchanted program of fairy tales, fingerplays and songs, all from once upon a time. Age Groups: All Ages. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660

Summer Reading Finale. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 24. Join in on the last summer reading party for this summer! Refreshments, face painting and fun! Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Once Upon a Royal Time. 3:00 p.m., Thu, Aug 24. Bring your imagination as you join us for a story and craft centered around Once upon a royal time. You may take home any craft item you make. Age Groups: School Age. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750

Teen Advisory Club. 3:30 p.m. Thu, Aug 24. Make a difference in your library! Recommend books, help plan events and discuss great books. Meet other local teens at the next Teen Advisory Meeting. Meetings held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Age Groups: Teens. Park Place Branch Library, 620 West 29th Street. 757-664-7330

Super Saturday Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Sat, Aug 26. Join us each Saturday for the best in children's literature, songs, and other activities. Age Groups: Family. Kirn Library Youth Services, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323

Grand Finale! 10:30 a.m., Wed, Aug 30. Join us for a cool celebration of all that you read so far this Summer! Prizes, drinks and snacks for all preschool readers! Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751

Tweens and Teens Programs. 2:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 30. Multicultural Tales Age Groups: School Age, Teens. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843

Reading For Fun. 3:30 p.m., Wed, Aug 30. Continue reading at the library August 30, for your prizes Age Groups: School Age. Horace C. Downing Branch Library, 555 East Liberty Street. 757-441-1968

Cingular Wireless Town Point Sundays

Every Sunday Evening in July

Sunday evening concerts return to Town Point Park, hosted by hometown legend **Lewis McGehee**. The park will come alive with good music every Sunday in July and is **free and open to the public**.

This year McGehee will perform with special guests **Scott Watson, Kaycee McGehee, Mike Lille, Karl Werne** and **Robbin Thompson**.

Town Point Sunday with Lewis McGehee & Friends Music Series

Sunday, July 16 7 pm – 9 pm Lewis McGehee with Karl Werne
Sunday, July 23 7 pm – 9 pm Lewis McGehee with Scott Watson & Kaycee McGehee
Sunday, July 30 4:45 pm Lewis McGehee & Robbin Thompson perform as part of the Sunrise to Sunset Acoustic Music Festival

For more information about events, including hours, ticket information, park regulations, parking, and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting the www.festeventsva.org or by calling 757.441.2345.

“Black Pride in the Summertime”-August 24th at the Huntersville Multi-Service Ctr at 6PM

NIPMP will be honoring our heritage of yesterday and celebrating today’s talent. There will be praise dancers, singers, hip-hop dancers and skits. A reception will immediately follow. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Anyone interested in taking part in this event may call (757) 623-7000 by August 9th from 10:00AM- 2:00PM.

The Hurrah Players

Virginia’s Leading Family Theatre Company

Hugh Copeland, Artistic Director

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Featuring music from lovable girl bands like the Andrews Sisters,
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If you remember Lawrence Welk (or even if you don't)

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July 28th @ 7:00pm

July 29th @ 3:00pm

July 30th @ 3:00pm

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Regular seating: \$17 adults/ \$10 kids(12 and under)

The program started in 2003 and we installed approximately 1,527 free smoke detectors for Norfolk residents.

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July 2006

Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs

Summer Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., daily, through Labor Day

Information current as of **June 15, 2006**. *Because events are subject to change, please call ahead to confirm.* For additional information, call Shelia Harrison at (757) 664-1026 or 1-800-664-1080, ext. 41026. The public may call (757) 664-1000 for information. Events are included in Nauticus admission unless otherwise noted.

NEW!

Treasures of NOAA's Ark

On exhibit through September 4, 2006

Explore, discover, and uncover the mysteries of shore, sea, and sky through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) treasure trove of artifacts from America's premier environmental research agency! In a setting reminiscent of a

1930s warehouse, this interactive exhibit showcases more than 200 artifacts including survey instruments, chronometers, aeronautical charts, maps, photographs and more.

Live Broadcast from the Monitor National Sanctuary Sited; Wednesday, July 19, 2 p.m.

Be a part of history as you participate in a live broadcast from the research vessel *Endeavor* as its scientists and crew conduct a major mapping expedition of the *USS Monitor* site off the coast of Cape Hatteras.

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Port Call; Friday, July 21; 11 a.m. - 3p.m.

Visit TNMC for a port call featuring scientists and crew from the research vessel *Endeavor*. NOAA and Nauticus educators will also offer pier side activities, information and tours to the public.

Ongoing Programs – NEW! DAILY SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 18

Shark Feeding. 10:30 a.m.

Watch Nauticus' live Nurse and Spotted Bamboo sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Shark Touch. (*Height restrictions apply.*)

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Grando Electro Show. 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Eco Exploration. 10 a.m.

Explore the Elizabeth River during this 30-minute, hands-on discovery walk! Discover plants and animals that dwell in our own waterways as well as the Chesapeake Bay. Collect water and aquatic specimen samples while learning about river ecology and biological conditions.

Kiddie Tidepool & Storytime. 10:15 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

NOAA *Science On a Sphere* Presentation. 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

Aegis. 10:15 a.m., 11:15 p.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command, as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

Design Chamber: Battleship X. 9:45 p.m., 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

Digital High-Definition Films (\$3 with ticket purchase & for Nauticus members; \$5 general admission)

The Greatest Places. (45 min.) 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. On view through September 4, 2006.

This exciting film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet.

The Living Sea. (45 min.) 10 a.m. & Noon

This film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas!

TNMC Invites You to its “Pirate Weekend” Extravaganza!

Virginia Stage Company to Hold Local Auditions

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Virginia Stage Company will be holding auditions for its production of Crowns on Saturday, August 5 from 1pm-7pm.

For general season auditions:

1. Please send in a headshot and resume prior to your audition.
2. Please prepare two contrasting monologues which are no longer than 90 seconds.

For the Crowns auditions:

1. Please prepare a monologue from the show as well as a piece of music. Sides will be used during the auditions.

For further information on the auditions, please contact Jessica Chase at (757) 627-6988 ext. 311 or via e-mail at jchase@vastage.com.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN IN NAUTICUS' COOL SCIENCE CAMPS!

During these awesome camps, students will learn that science is fun and involved in everything around us, while creating make-n-takes, and performing cool science experiments.

NEW! NOAA @ Nauticus Hurricane Watchers in the Chesapeake Bay Camp - FULL

NEW! Kindergarten Science Camp

Learn about navigation, chemistry, beach ecology, fossils/rocks and battleships. Play games, make crafts and perform science experiments.

Dates: July 24 - 28 | Completed Kindergarten | Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 members; \$90 non-members

General Science Camps

Session 2: Oceanography Camp. Participate in hands-on activities that include navigation, water analyses, boat trip, behind-the-scenes tour, dissections, and overnight trip!

Note: This will be a co-ed camp.

Dates: August 7 - 11 | Girl Scouts ages 11-17 (Completed 6th - 8th grades)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$200 members; \$225 non-members

Oceanography Camp

Topics include navigation, ecosystems, water chemistry, and careers in oceanography. Enjoy boat rides, canoeing, and an overnight trip!

Dates: August 7 - 11 | Completed 6th – 8th grades

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$200 members; \$225 non-members

For more information or to register, please call camp reservations at (757) 664-1010. Hurry, space is limited!

Nauticus at The National Maritime Center--a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the *Power of the Sea*--features hands-on exhibits including computer and video interactives, digital high-definition films on a giant screen, exotic aquaria, touch pools, shark touch, and national-caliber traveling exhibits.

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The Hurrah Players

Virginia's Leading Family Theatre Company

Hugh Copeland, Artistic Director

Present

The Taffetas

A Musical Journey Through the Fabulous Fifties!

Featuring music from lovable girl bands like the Andrews Sisters,

McGuire Sisters and Lennon Sisters

If you remember Lawrence Welk (or even if you don't)

...then you'll love *The Taffetas*!

July 28th @ 7:00pm

July 29th @ 3:00pm

July 30th @ 3:00pm

TCC Roper Performing Arts Center

340 Granby St Norfolk

Tickets:

Premium seating: \$24

Regular seating: \$17 adults/ \$10 kids(12 and under)

The program started in 2003 and we installed approximately 1,527 free smoke detectors for Norfolk residents.

THE TIDEWATER WINDS

Strike up the band one more time! On Monday, July 3rd, 7:30 p.m., The Tidewater Winds kicks off its 22nd season with a free concert at Chesapeake City Park, the first of 22 concerts to be performed this summer.

Other highlights of the season include:

- July 16 – 20: "Mostly Show Tunes" Week
- July 23 – 27: "Conductors Delight" Week
- July 30 – August 2: "Highlights From the Movies" Week
- August 4: "Highlights From the Movies"/Grand Finale at Willett Hall, Portsmouth

The Tidewater Winds is comprised of 67 talented woodwind, brass and percussion musicians from across Hampton Roads representing professional and college bands as well as orchestras.

All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free, family friendly, senior friendly and handicapped accessible. To learn more about the Tidewater Winds and its schedule of performances, visit www.tidewaterwinds.org or call 480-0953. The listing of concerts by location follows:

Norfolk

Tuesday, July 4 – Ocean View Beach Park (lawn seating)

Sunday, July 9 – Harrison Opera House

Sunday, July 16 – Harrison Opera House

Sunday, July 23 – Harrison Opera House

Sunday, July 30 – Harrison Opera House

Department of Recreation, Parks, and Open Space

July is Parks & Recreation Month

Celebrate the fun and visit your local recreation center today!

Bayview Recreation Center (441-1625)

Bayview Parks & Recreation Appreciation Celebration,
9:00am-5:30pm, ages Open, July 21

Berkley Recreation Center (441-1912)

Parks & Recreation Day / Block Party, 1:00pm-8:00pm, July 12

Captain's Quarters Park (441-1715))

Parks & Recreation Day, 8:00am – 2:00pm, July 21

Crossroads Recreation Center (441-1789)

Bookmobile, July 19

Crossroads Fun Day, 4:00pm – 7:00pm, ages Open, Thursday, July 20

East Ocean View Recreation Center (441-1785)

Kickball Tournament & Community Cookout, 11:00am-2:00pm, July 21

Youth Physical Fitness Challenges, ages 6-12, 11:00am-2:00pm every Friday

Fairlawn Recreation Center (441-5670)

Grandy Recreation Center (441-2117)

Community Day, July 21

Huntersville Recreation Center (664-7400)

Ingleside Recreation Center (441-5675)

Merrimac Recreation Center (441-1783)

Family Bingo, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Wednesday, July 19

Norview Recreation Center (647-4518)

Field Day, 3:00pm – 5:00pm, ages 5-17, July 21

Tarrallton Recreation Center (441-1765)

Community/Civic League Picnic, 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Saturday, July 22, \$5/family

Young Terrace Recreation Center (441-2692)

Young8 Terrace Community Family Fun & Competition Day

4:00pm – 8:00pm, Friday, July 21

Registration July 5-15